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ALLIES MAY TAKE STRONG MEASURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES HERE understand that Britain may decide to send British naval patrols for the protection of Norwegian territorial waters as, apparently through weakness or for other reasons, Norway is unable to obtain from Germany respect for her neutrality.

It is pointed out that Germany is deriving the highest material results from the unlawful use of Norwegian waters, and the Norwegian contention that ships on state service are not liable to control by a neutral nation is a mere fiction, unestablished in law, and serving to mask the Reich's unlawful activities.

On the other hand, diplomatic circles here do not see any possibility of a Norwegian appeal to the League of Nations, as Germany, which provoked the whole affair, will not appear before the Geneva tribunal.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech on the Altmark meets with full approval in Paris as French political circles are of opinion that an end must be put to the unlawful use by the Germans of Norwegian territorial waters.

International law recognises that belligerent warships have the right to a short accidental crossing of territorial waters, but the Germans are using Norwegian waters for thousands of miles to avoid British warships.

GERMAN ACTIVITIES

According to reports recently published in the Rome newspaper "Messaggero," German ships are thus reaching Petsamo.

German ships even use the protection of Norwegian neutrality to prepare for launching from Norwegian waters attacks against Allied and neutral shipping in the North Sea and escaping quickly to safety.

Only way to remedy the situation, in French opinion, is for the Allied navies to take measures to assure respect of international law.—Havas.

WARSAW'S DEFENDER TO BE TRIED BY NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Mayor of Warsaw, M. Stefan Starzynski, is to be tried in Berlin on a charge of "having wilfully and through sheer stubbornness contributed to Warsaw's destruction."

It is recalled that the Mayor organised the defences of the Polish capital and held out as long as he could against the German armies.—Havas.

PASSAGE FOR FINNISH VOLUNTEERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Active conversations are going on between France, Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries for the passage of war material and volunteers to Finland.

At present the Scandinavian countries are letting only about 100 volunteers per day to pass to Finland, and this figure must be greatly increased as the Finns need men and thousands of volunteers are waiting.

Diplomatic difficulties are the only real snags as transportation facilities, although not absolutely adequate, would be sufficient to meet the situation.—Havas.

SIX SHOT BY POLICE

TIENTSIN, TO-DAY.

THE SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGE IN TIENTSIN LED TO A SHOOTING TRAGEDY ON MONDAY IN WHICH SIX PERSONS LOST THEIR LIVES. STATE CHINESE PRESS REPORTS TO-DAY.

The disturbance began when a mob, seeing a lorry loaded with flour on a railway siding near the Tientsin Central Station, began to attack it and remove the bags of flour.

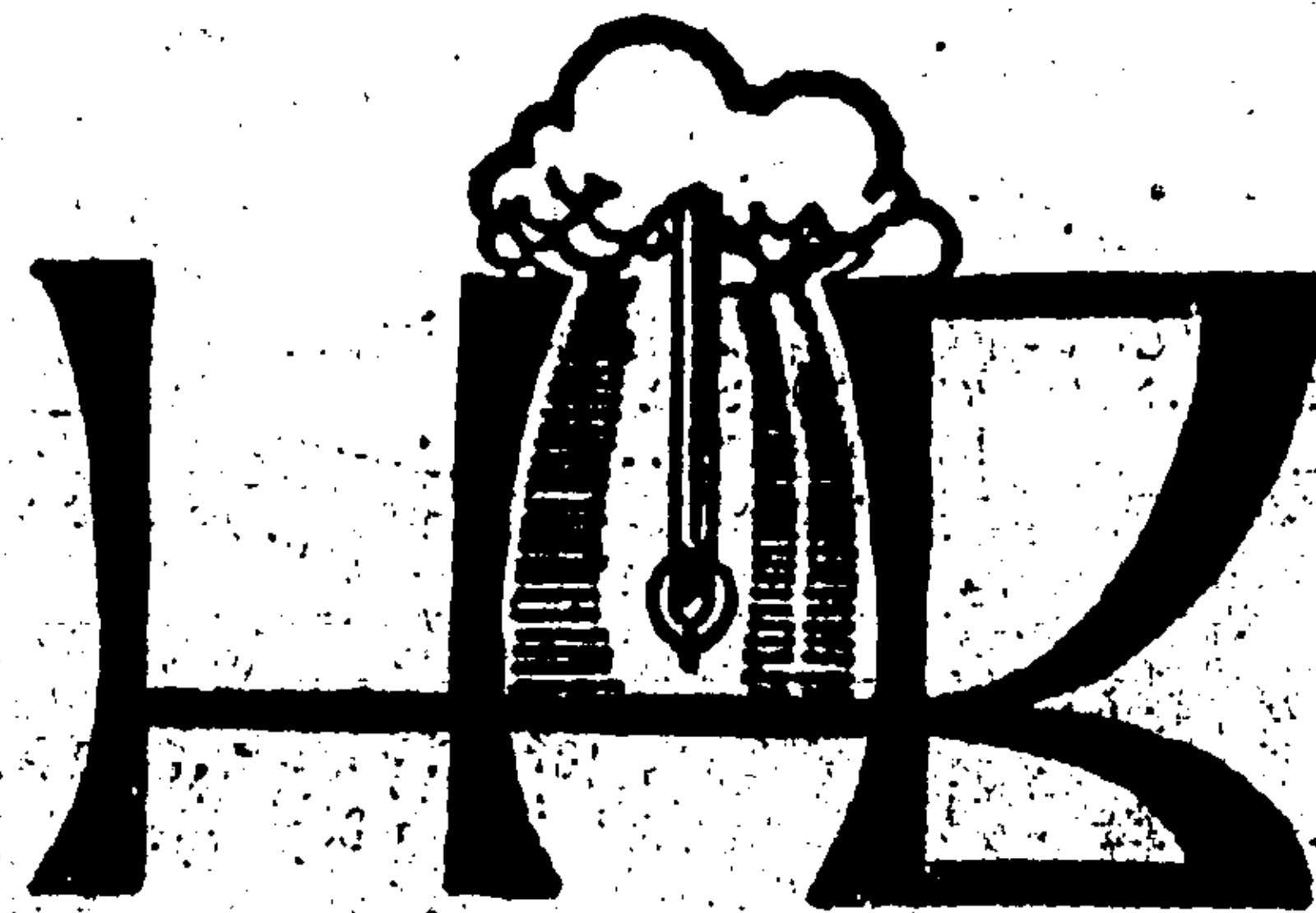
After futile attempts to stop the attack, the Chinese police—according to the same reports—opened fire on the crowd, killing six persons.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, fresh; cloudy, improving later.



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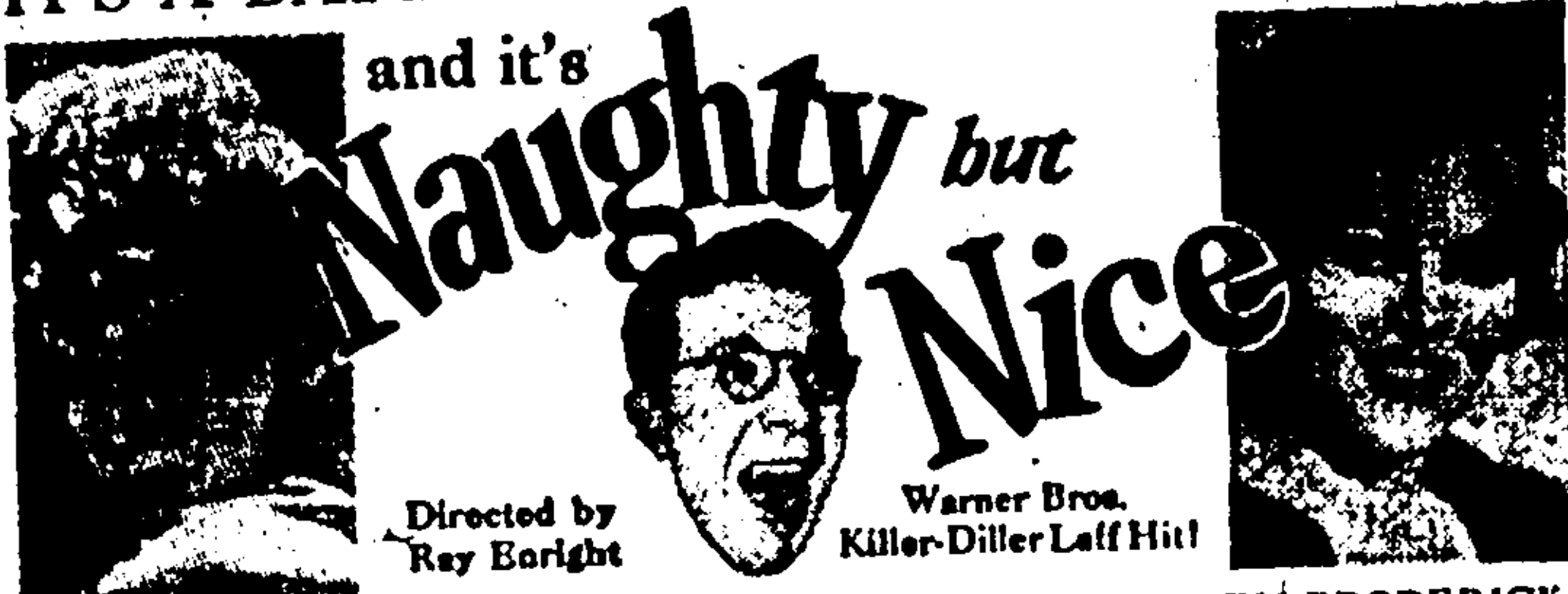
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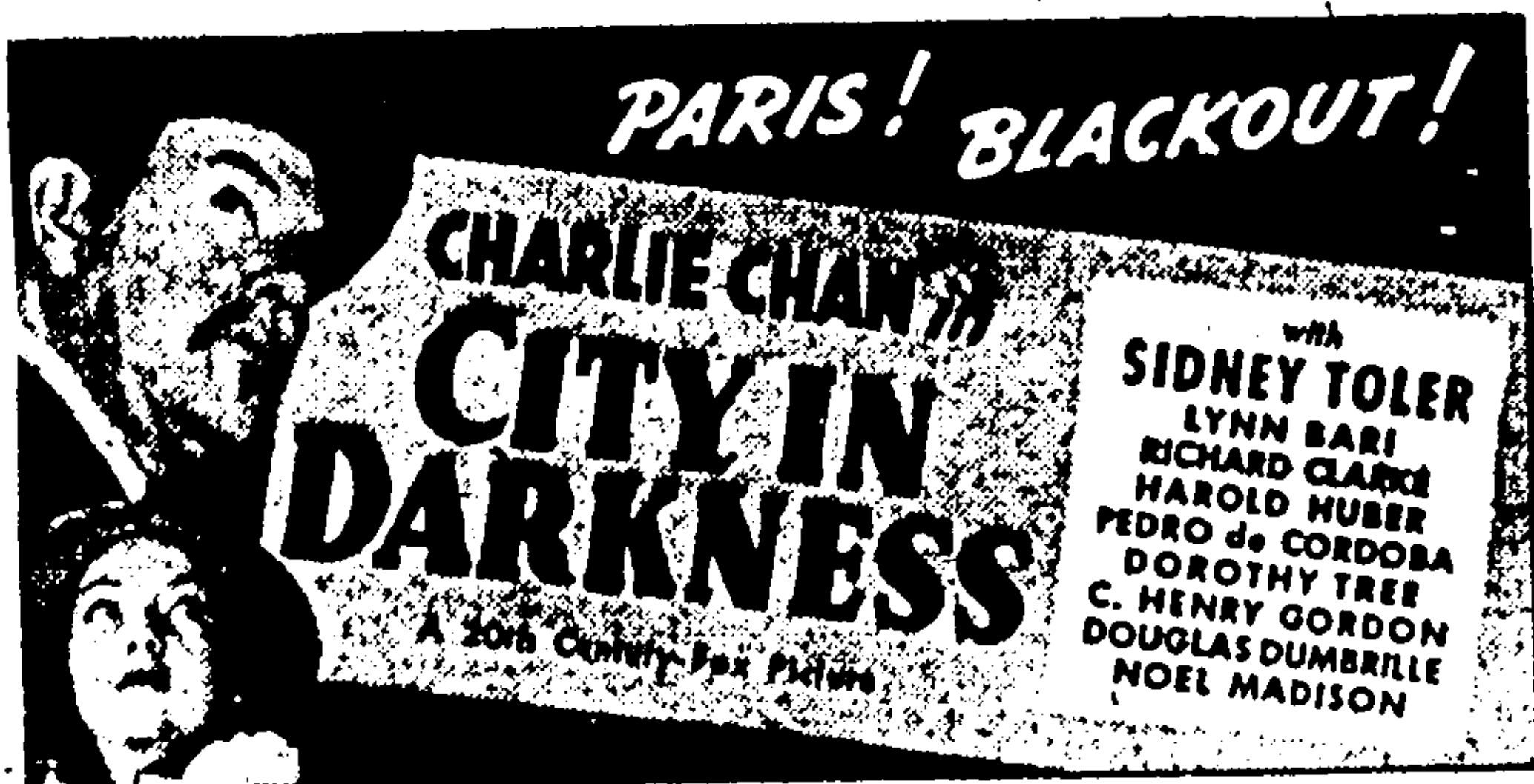
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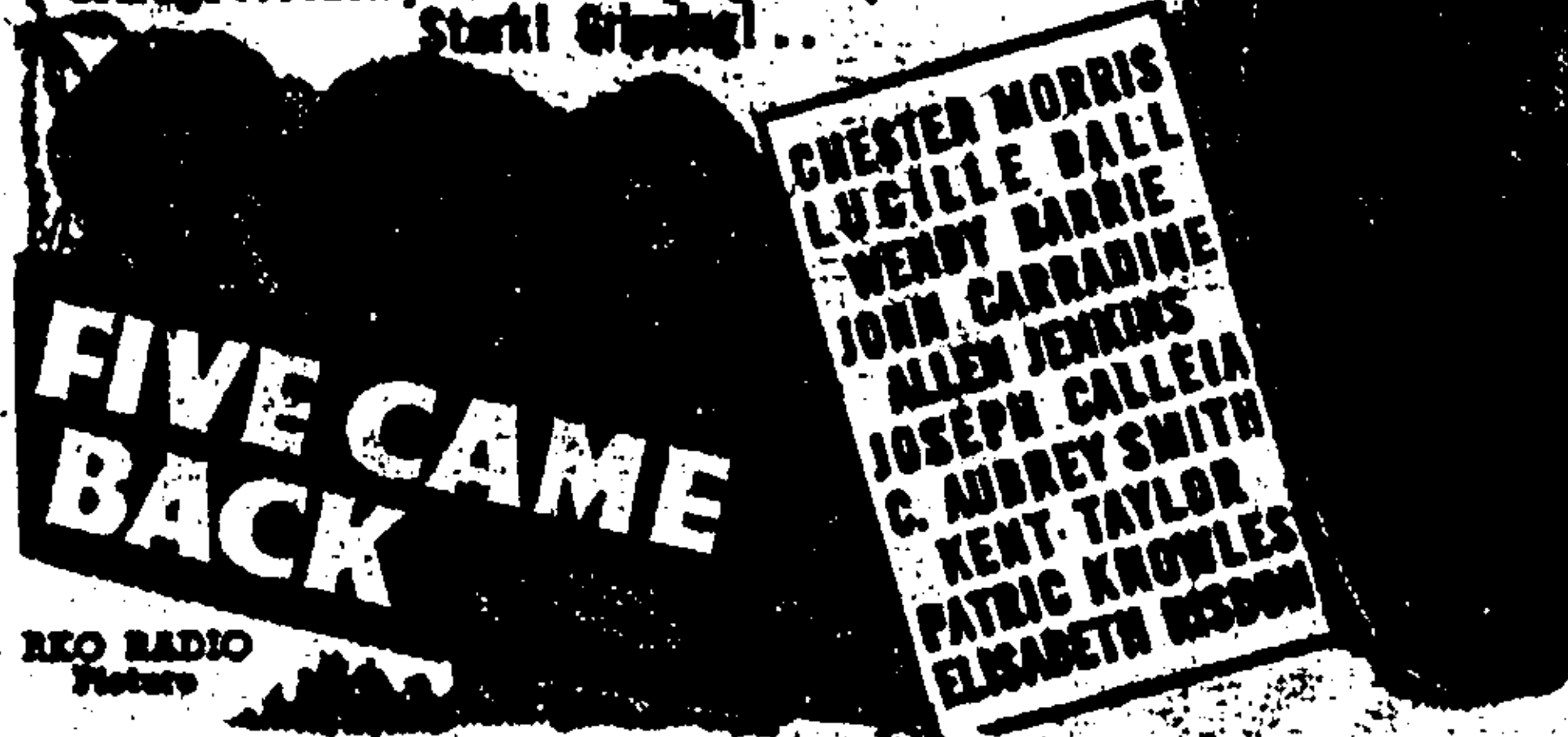
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HOW FRENCH TROOPS FELL INTO AMBUSH

Paris, To-day.

FURTHER DETAILS OF the ambushing of French troops shows that it occurred when two lorries packed with troops to relieve others in the front line drove by mistake right across No-Man's Land into the German line.

The German outposts commanding the road raked the lorries with machine-gun fire and threw hand-grenades at them.

Meanwhile a great thaw has now set in at the front, reducing everything to mud and water.

Hence operations are few and the sectors generally are calm with the exception of the Rhine sector, where there is a sporadic exchange of fire between casemates.

Two German raids in other sectors which were made without trench mortar or artillery preparation were repulsed with ease. — Reuter.

were sometimes later seen cycling happily between the lines, under the impression they were far from the front. — Reuter.

IMPOSSIBLE POSITION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

Refuting Norway's new standpoint that the Altmark was a warship and could not be visited, observers stated that the warship should not have been allowed to seek shelter by sailing down the Norwegian coast on her way to the Reich.

If such action was condoned nothing could prevent the entire German Fleet from engaging in operations in complete safety.

German warships would only have to become commercial raiders seeking refuge in Norwegian waters each time they are challenged by the British navy which itself would be prevented by international law from entering Norwegian waters.—Havas.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY REPORTED THAT 20 MEN KILLED IN A GERMAN RAID THE DAY BEFORE (REPORTED YESTERDAY) WERE IN TWO LORRIES BOUND FOR AN ADVANCED OUTPOST IN THE FRONT LINE.

By mistake, they went through the line into German territory, where they were ambushed.

Such a mistake, it is pointed out here, is not difficult to make. In the last war, messengers sent to the rear

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Maurice Thorez, former secretary-general of the French Communist Party, has been deprived of French nationality.

Thorez escaped when war broke out and is hiding abroad.

Simultaneously the French Chamber has deprived 60 former Communist deputies of all civil rights. The deputies had not severed all connection with Moscow prior to the Chamber's reconvening on October 20 last year.

All 60 are accused of treason and are being held in prison, though a certain number escaped abroad. — Havas.

ASAMA MARU CASE DISCUSSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, yesterday called on the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, with whom he discussed various questions relating to the Asama Maru case and measures for providing a repatriation of such incidents. — Havas.

NAZIS THREATENING SCANDINAVIA

London, To-day.

According to the Copenhagen correspondent of the "Daily Express," Germany is expected to inform the Scandinavian countries, Holland and Belgium that they must stop trading with the Allies or else face unrestricted U-boat warfare and "military action." — Reuter.

GERMAN RESTRICTIONS ON DUTCH BORDER

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Germans have imposed drastic restrictions on traffic between Germany and Holland at the frontier station of Glanerbrug, near Enschede, allowing none to pass who cannot prove he is crossing the frontier for work or business reasons.

Goods traffic, however, is going through as usual. — Reuter.

YANGTSE 'LAST CARD'

Commenting upon the "Miyako Shimbun's" statement that the announcement of the opening of the Yangtze River is "Japan's last card," the "Ta Kung Pao" in a leaderette, says that Japan will never hand out this "last card" but continue to use it to induce the United States to terms. Similarly, she would continue the blockade in Tientsin as a bargain point in her negotiations with Great Britain.

The journal declared that as a result of her control over Customs and exchange, Japan is monopolizing all commercial interests in the Yangtze River between Shanghai and Nanking. Even if this section should now be opened, it would do little good to third Powers. — Central News.

CORK RAID FOILED

(CORK, TO-DAY.)

AN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST TEMPLE BRIDGE FORT WAS MADE BY A GROUP OF MEN YESTERDAY, WHO, IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO BREAK IN, FIRED AT AND WOUNDED A SENTRY.

The sentry returned the fire and the attackers fled.

While no reason for the attack is as yet definitely known, it is presumed that the men were I.R.A. sympathisers trying to get in and liberate their colleagues being held in the fort. — Reuter.

WOMEN ON NIGHT WORK IN FACTORIES

Summoned for employing 31 women in an industrial undertaking during prohibited hours on the night of January 29, the manager of the Tsing Wah Knitting Company, of No. 143, Kweilin Street, was this morning fined \$75.

A fine of \$50 was imposed on the manager of the Kwok Hing Knitting Company, of No. 373, Kilung Street, for a similar offence. Only 12 women were found in this case.

LEGATION RAISED TO AN EMBASSY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Chamber of Deputies yesterday approved the decision to elevate the French Legation at Bucharest, the Rumanian capital, to an Embassy. — Havas.

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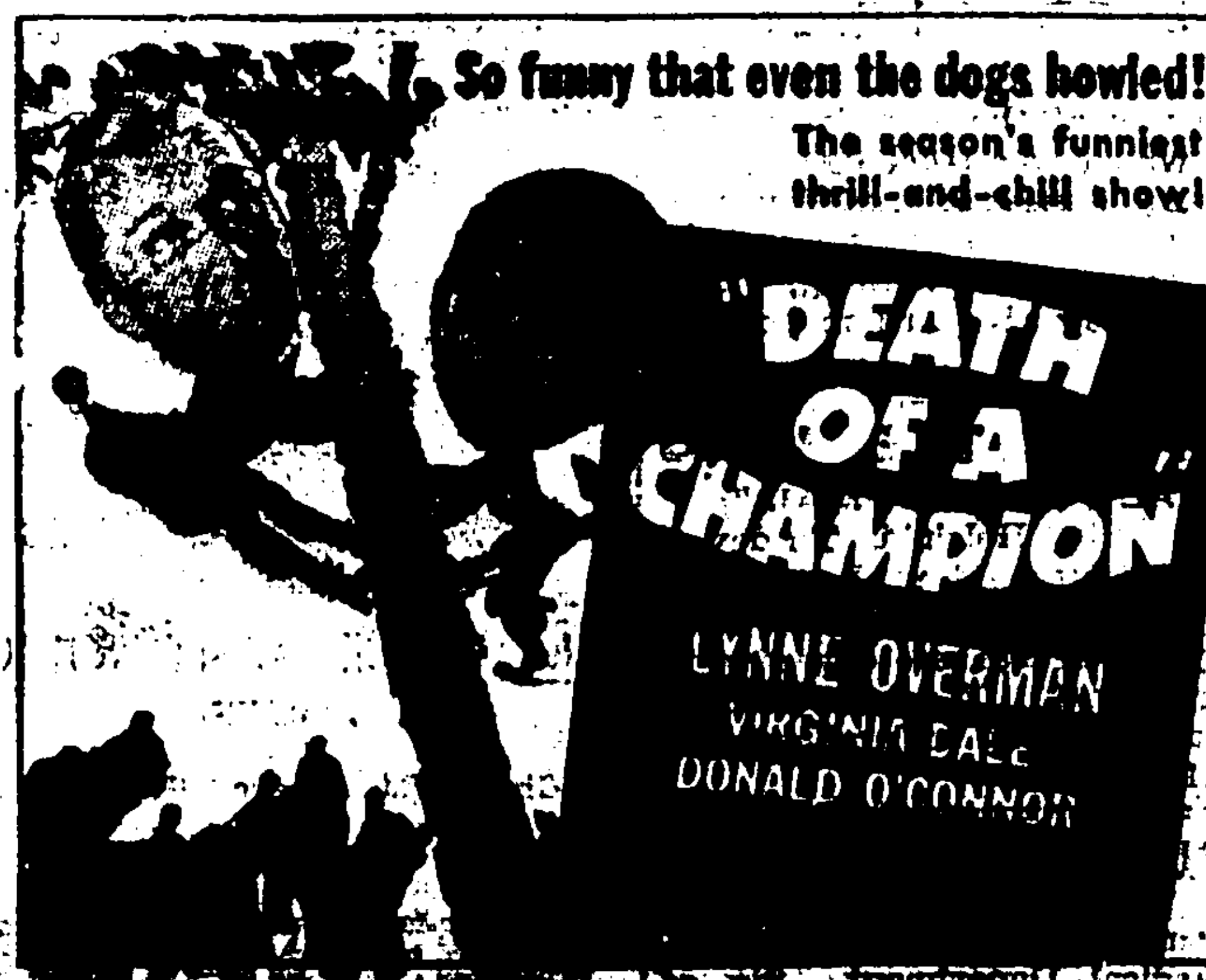
RED HOT BRITISH NEWS RIGHT FROM THE FRONT!

Dramatic scenes along the Mannerheim line. French shelling the Slegfried Line with 400 millimeter guns. Finnish troops capture ill-clad Soviet soldiers and put them to work. The 1st division of Canadian troops reviewed by the war secretary. British submarine "Ursula" after sinking a Nazi cruiser near Wilhelmshaven. Russian planes continue merciless raids. The Pope and King exchange visits. Duchess of Windsor "does her bit," etc. etc. etc.

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REDS RESUME ATTACKS

Driven Back With Heavy Losses In Finland

HEAVIEST RAIDS OF WAR ON HELSINKI

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

ATTACKS YESTERDAY BETWEEN THE GULF OF FINLAND AND MOULAHAERVI WERE REPULSED, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE. IN THE EAST OF THE ISTHMUS THE ENEMY ATTEMPTED TO ADVANCE ON LAKE SUVANTO TOWARDS VOOSULA BUT WERE STOPPED ON THE ICE AND RETIRED AFTER SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES.

An attack on Taipale by Soviet forces was repulsed with great enemy losses.

Finnish troops north-east of Lake Ladoga continued to mop up enemy positions and beat off all Soviet counter-attacks.

The Finns captured several Russian positions at Kuhmo.

Finnish coastal batteries dispersed an enemy detachment which, supported by tanks, tried to advance on Lake Ladoga to turn the Finnish positions at Taipale. The enemy lost 200 men.

Finnish coastal batteries to the north-east of Lake Ladoga destroyed ammunition, stores and a battery of heavy Soviet artillery.

AIR ACTIVITY

The Finnish Air Forces continued to attack columns and troop concentrations and carried out successfully many bombing flights. There were several air battles.

Enemy air force activity continued on a big scale and several small villages were bombed but so far only seven people have been reported killed and six wounded.

Six Russian planes have been brought down for certain and the loss of six others has been reported but not confirmed.—Reuter.

Six Raid Alarms In Helsinki

Helsinki, To-day.

The capital yesterday had its worst day of air alarms for some time; six warnings sounded during the day.

A train from Turku to Helsinki was halted six times by alarms and the passengers had to scatter into the woods near the line.

It is reported that seven parachutists were dropped west of Helsinki.

Russian bombers near Helsinki were supported by fighters and several battles are reported between them and some of Finland's new aircraft. At least two Russian planes are stated to have been shot down.

There were also several severe air raids on Viborg and Kuhmo.

5,000 SLAIN

The Finns are repelling all Soviet attempts to relieve the remnants of the Russian 54th Division, cut off some

BRITISH VOLUNTEERS FOR FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Several thousand volunteers are preparing to go to Finland accompanied by specialists and competent officers.

It is understood that the refusal of the Scandinavian States to extend military assistance to Finland will further induce the Allies to facilitate recruiting and departure of volunteers.—Havas.

time ago in the Kuhmo area in central Finland. At least 5,000 Russians from this division have been killed in the last fortnight.

Fifty bombs were dropped in two raids on Kuhmo and there were also raids on Nurmes and Joensuu, towns on the main railway line to the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

MOSCOW CLAIM

Moscow, To-day.

A Soviet communique claims the capture of the town and fortress of Kolvisto, at the apex of the Finnish right flank of the Mannerheim Line.—Reuter.

A LA NOMONHAN?

Moscow, To-day.

A communique states that the Soviet aviation successfully raided enemy troops and military objectives. Forty-seven enemy planes were brought down in air combats.—Reuter.

Three Soviet Divisions In Difficulties

Helsinki, To-day.

Military advices received in Helsinki state that three Soviet Divisions north of Lake Ladoga are in difficulties, thanks to fast-moving Finnish patrols; an attempt to outflank the Mannerheim Line is halted.

The Divisions are the 6th, 64th, and 164th Divisions, and they are now being harassed by the Finns. In this sector, the 18th Division was wiped out early this month.

The 6th Division is the hardest pressed and unofficial reports state that it is virtually destroyed. The 6th and 18th Divisions between them, it is said, have lost 37,000 men killed or captured.

The Finnish victory over the 18th Division resulted in the seizure of enormous supplies of equipment, including 70 field guns and 100 tanks.

Field-Marshal Mannerheim is himself personally directing these operations.—Reuter.

MISSING MEN LANDED SAFELY

Copenhagen, To-day.

The owners of the Danish steamer Sleipner, which was sunk last Thursday evening, announce that seven of the crew and six Greek passengers, who were reported missing, were landed yesterday at a British port.—Reuter.

YOUTH ON THE LAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

With the Finns fighting the Russian invaders, Finnish boys and girls from 17 to 19 years of age are engaging in agricultural work. Younger children are also participating in land cultivation.—Havas.

KOWLOON SMALLPOX

Seven smallpox cases were notified to the Medical Department. Six of them were from Kowloon.

There were also two diphtheria cases, three of scarlet fever (all in Victoria), four of meningitis, four of dysentery and 36 of tuberculosis.

NAZI RAIDS ON EAST COAST SHIPS

London, To-day.

Ships were attacked yesterday afternoon by enemy planes off the Northumberland, Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Suffolk coasts.

S.O.S. messages from the attacked ships were heard by wireless listeners on the Norfolk coast.

Air raid warnings and gunfire were heard in south-east Essex.—Reuter.

GERMAN CLAIM

Berlin, To-day.

The official German news agency claims that "two British minelayers and armed British merchantmen" were sunk by German planes "in the course of reconnaissance flights to the English coast, the Scottish east coast and the Shetland Isles."

In London, no confirmation whatever of the above claim is available. It is stated that one fishingboat was attacked.—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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WAR at SEA

Where is the element of surprise in this war? In the air, because we have not been attacked. At sea, because there we have been forced to face a grim struggle.

This was not expected. It was thought that the Germans could not carry the war against us on the seas. The German navy is much less formidable than in the last war, whereas we have spent hundreds of millions in maintaining the power of our fleet.

The taxpayer paid heavily to keep up our naval strength. He did his duty. But there was a failure in other quarters. A failure of foresight. An error in conception.

We built a battle fleet when we ought to have equipped ourselves with a police force. We spent tens of millions on constructing huge capital ships when a fraction of the money, laid out on small, fast patrol vessels would have given us freedom from the submarine menace.

Now we are paying for the mistakes of the men who ruled our Navy in the days gone by. And, above all, we are paying for the defects of Mr. Duff Cooper.

During his term at the Admiralty Cooper built no destroyers although the destroyer was the most effective

weapon against the submarine in the last war. Sir Samuel Hoare, who was Cooper's predecessor at the Admiralty, built 17 destroyers in one year of office and 16 in the next.

Cooper was the man who always wanted to fight Hitler. He resigned from the Government because he could not get his war in 1938. Yet he did not resign when the Naval Estimates failed to equip the Navy with the ships that would afford protection to our merchant shipping against the U-boat.

He was a most extraordinary minister. The most determined in his be-

By
George Malcolm Thomson

ligerency. And the most neglectful in measures to prepare for the war into which belligerent policies might lead us.

Certainly he does not bear the whole burden of blame for the hard struggle which the Navy is now engaged in. There is also Lord Chatfield. He, too, has much to explain.

He was First Sea Lord from 1933 until 1938. Yet he did not prepare the Navy adequately for war against Germany.

Moreover Lord Chatfield was the technical authority responsible for releasing the Irish harbours Bearhaven, Cobh and Lough Swilly. To-day the Admiralty would give a great deal to have the harbours back again. The lack of those bases handicaps us in the task of hunting down the submarine. If we could use them it would simplify the convoy system to an extraordinary extent.

Yet Lord Chatfield, who allowed the harbours to be abandoned, and so imposed on us the necessity to have more destroyers, actually permitted a reduction in the number of destroyers built for the fleet.

With this background of short-sighted policy it is not surprising that the Navy has a hard job on hand to-day. We were expecting a horizontal war at sea. A war of ships against ship. But we have got a vertical war. A war of submarine, of mine and air-plane.

We thought the submarine had been eliminated as a serious peril. But it has proved to be a most dangerous weapon.

We thought that the bomber would attack battleships. In the days of peace we discussed the impending duel. And we came to the conclusion that the bomber was a terrible menace from the sky to the battleship.

Now the battle has been fought out. It has gone in favour of the battleship. The deciding factor has not been the power of the battleship to defend itself but the inability of the bomber to get home its blow.

The precision machine on which accurate bombing depends must be used on an even keel. But an airplane must bank in order to turn. If it tries to turn on an even keel the airplane side slips.

So the bomber cannot strike its blow. Many bombs have been thrown at many battleships. No damage has been done.

PROSPECT OF VICTORY

Third article of the series.

In previous articles Mr. Thomson discussed

- (1) the war leaders, man-power and supplies.
- (2) the possible fields for new Hitler invasions.

It may be said that this is an excessively optimistic figure. But if we have smaller shipyard accommodation than in the last war we employ swifter methods of production. And if the Minister of Shipping is carefully selected for his energy, drive and good judgment, rest assured that those results will be achieved.

The losses of neutral shipping have been formidable, although not so heavy as in the last four months of 1917. There again, we can look to an increased output from foreign shipyards in the last war there was a considerable stepping-up in that production. And to-day neutral shipbuilding capacity is on a larger scale than it was at that time.

As for the loss we have suffered in naval tonnage this is much the same at the end of 1939 as it was at the end of 1914. But in 1914 we possessed a much bigger naval tonnage than to-day. So our loss in this war is really heavier.

But the situation now is entirely different. We need not feel the same anxiety about naval losses. They are not so important to us.

In the last war the German fleet was in being. A huge British armada was required to watch the Kaiser's navy.

To-day we have many worries. But this time there is no German fleet to come forth in battle array, to risk the loss of everything in order to gain a complete victory.

And so we can devote a larger proportion of our shipbuilding plant to the construction of merchant vessels. We can do so with the knowledge that we will soon have made up the deficiency of destroyers which confronted us at the outbreak of war.

We can have this supreme confidence. The peril on the sea is real. But it will be warded off by the vigilance of our naval patrols and smashed by the hammers of our shipwrights. (World copyright.)

**TO-MORROW:
Will There Be
A Blitzkrieg?**

OLD AGE PENSIONS PROPOSALS

London, To-day.

Moving the second reading of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill the Health Minister said that in spite of much that divided the Government from the Opposition and the many hard words, he felt that both shared a certain pride in being members of a legislature which had not been wholly diverted from its own task by the necessities of war.

Continuing, Mr. Elliot said the number of persons benefitting had risen half a million when the first act was passed to three million to-day, and while the original cost of old age pensions had been about £7,000,000 to-day it was roughly £100,000,000.

Although a proportion of this figure was covered by contributions taxation provided £65,000,000.

Recent events showed an almost universal desire to better the condition of older people, as war evidenced by the number of local authorities of all political parties which had begun to make grants out of the rates to old age pensioners.

The Bill, the Minister said, proceeded upon two principles; first, an improvement to be made in the general pensions scheme, and, second, the responsibility for pensioners to be assumed by the State and no longer to be shouldered by local authorities.

Dealing with the Bill in detail, Mr. Elliot showed that the new proposals would cost an additional £80,000,000.—British Wireless.

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Mr. Chamberlain Gives Plain Answer To Norwegian Plea

ARGUMENT H.M.G. COULD IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES ACCEPT

London, To-day.

"THIS ADMIRABLY conducted operation" — loud cheers greeted this description in the House of Commons yesterday by the Prime Minister of the rescue of the British prisoners from the Altmark when he reviewed the circumstances which led up to the escape of 299 British seamen from the German ship.

These prisoners, Mr. Chamberlain said, were closely confined in the German naval supply ship for more than three months.

"His Majesty's Government at present is awaiting full reports from the naval officers concerned of the very gallant affair but I am sure the House will join the Government in the satisfaction they feel at the release of the officers and crews of vessels sunk by the Graf Spee (cheers) after their long ordeal, and that members will desire also to congratulate the Royal Navy most heartily upon this notable addition to its annals.

Referring to the statement made in the Norwegian Parliament by M. Koht, Foreign Minister, Mr. Chamberlain said that apart from the original Norwegian protest given to Lord Halifax, the Government had received no official communication from Norway; he wished, however, to make some comments on M. Koht's statement.

The first was that it was now revealed that the Altmark had never called at Bergen and that she was first stopped by a Norwegian torpedo boat which examined her papers.

EVEN MORE DIFFICULT

She was stopped by a second torpedo-boat when the naval commander at Bergen was not satisfied, and refused to submit to a further examination, in which, according to M. Koht, the Altmark commander was "acting within his rights."

Mr. Chamberlain said that all this made Norway's inaction even more difficult to understand. Britain had been under the impression that the Norwegian authorities had conducted some sort of examination; Britain's complaint was that it had been perfunctory in that it did not reveal the presence of the British prisoners.

Mr. Chamberlain outlined the Norwegian Foreign Minister's statement, and said it appeared in the Norwegian view that as the Altmark was regarded as a warship and carried the German state flag, no request to search could be made.

The chief naval officer at Bergen was not quite satisfied and the Altmark later was stopped but refused to submit to inspection.

Even though the Altmark had used her wireless in Norwegian territorial waters, violating the Norwegian regulations, this did not lead the Norwegian authorities to take any action beyond complaining and accepting an apology.

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that a joint Norwegian and British guard was proposed, so that a proper investigation might be made at Bergen. (Cheers).

This offer, he said, was refused. The Norwegian officer declined to accompany the British boarding party on board the Altmark.

"It will be seen therefore that not on one occasion but on three or four, the Norwegian authorities failed to carry out a proper investigation of the matter."

"Not until after these refusals did

His Majesty's ships take action against the Altmark, and if they had not done so, she would have been allowed to complete her voyage to Germany without let or hindrance and without any enquiry into the circumstances.

Mr. Chamberlain noted that M. Hambro (president of the Norwegian Parliament) had said that the Norwegian authorities did not know that British prisoners were on board the Altmark.

SURPRISING STATEMENT

Considering the fact that weeks ago the Press of the world had given prominent mention of this, Mr. Chamberlain said that he could not "but regard this as a most surprising statement."

He found it difficult to resist the conclusion that the Norwegian authorities had displayed complete indifference to the use made of their territorial waters by the Germans. Even if this were due to German pressure, it was, nevertheless, in the view of the British Government inconsistent with the duties of neutrals towards belligerents.

ARGUMENT UNACCEPTABLE

With regard to M. Koht's statement that there was nothing in international law to prevent the passage of prisoners through neutral territory providing the passage itself was legal, Mr. Chamberlain said that according to this ruling the Norwegian authorities had no objections to the use of Norway's waters for hundreds of miles by German ships in order to escape capture and to take British prisoners to prison camps.

Such a doctrine was at variance with international law as the British Government understood it. It would, in the British Government's view, be liable to abuse by German ships and lead to a position His Majesty's Government could in no circumstances accept.

On behalf of the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Alexander expressed the Opposition's pleasure at the nature and details of Mr. Chamberlain's statement.

Labour wished to be completely associated with the expression of satisfaction at the Royal Navy's action. — Reuter.

DUTCH DEFENCE PLANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
"The Netherlands will resist any force crossing her border and will fight every inch of ground," said Gen. van Voorst, Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch Army, to the press.

He added: "We have five positions fully prepared which, we believe, we can hold. All roads, railways and bridges will be blown up if necessary. 'The Netherlands will remain free and independent.' — Havas.

BRITISH NAVY NEAR PETSAMO

Paris, To-day.

According to a Rome despatch, the Italian press reports the presence of British cruisers near Petsamo, near which German ships enter the long passage of Norwegian waters.

It is stated that Germany has forced the Allies to consider these waters in a special light.

The newspaper "Avvenire," commenting on the report, asks what are the intentions of the British Admiralty. — Reuter.

NORWEGIAN REPLY TO PREMIER

Oslo, To-day.

"The Norwegian Government has not yielded to pressure from any side," declared the Foreign Minister, M. Koht, commenting on Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech.

M. Koht added that in this case, as in all others, the Norwegian Government has striven only to comply with international law.

M. Koht maintained that the Altmark must be regarded as a warship and therefore had a right to refuse to be searched. — Reuter.

CAPTAIN WAS LUCKY?

London, To-day.

Commenting on the German wireless admission that the captain of the Altmark tried to ram the destroyer Cossack, an authoritative statement recalls the execution of Capt. Fryatt during the last war by the Germans on a charge of having rammed a German submarine.

The comment adds that by German canons the captain of the Altmark was lucky to have escaped a similar fate. — Reuter.

Capt. Fryatt was the master of a cross-channel steamer running to Belgium. He was taken off the steamer by the Germans and shot.

NOT TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The "Daily Mail," commenting on the Altmark case, states:—"Britain is not turning the other cheek to German violations of international law."

"In deliberately infringing upon Norwegian territorial waters, Britain is righting the flagrant wrong being committed by Germany, and world opinion unanimously condones her action."

"At first, Britain stood rigidly by the letter of the law and thereby gave great advantages to the enemy. The Altmark affair is a warning that she is no longer fighting with her hands tied behind her back." — Havas.

NAZIS ON PREMIER'S STATEMENT

Berlin, To-day.

"Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons proves that the main purpose of the brutal attack on the Altmark was a political one," says the official German news agency.

"After committing a wanton violation of Norway's neutrality, Britain is striving to manoeuvre that country away from her policy of neutrality."

"Mr. Chamberlain's reprimand of the Norwegian navy proves beyond doubt that England is now openly demanding assistance from neutrals, since she realises that without this aid she is bound to lose the war." — Reuter.

FUTURE OF ALTMARK

Berlin, To-day.

Captain Dau, of the Altmark, speaking on the German official wireless, said the Altmark at present is resting with her stern on shore; the rudder is broken and one propeller damaged.

"We shall try to free the ship and then consider what to do," he declared.

Describing the boarding of the Altmark, Captain Dau said: "I manoeuvred the Altmark in such a way that she had to run on the rocks in order to make it impossible for the English to catch her and go away with her."

He admitted there were a few pistols on board but asserted they were never used. — Reuter.

DANGEROUS ATTITUDE

Amsterdam, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech on the Altmark is approved, in the main, by Dutch political circles.

The reasons for the action taken by the British warship are fully appreciated, though what is held to be a violation of Norway's rights cannot it is felt, be condoned.

The "inaction" of Norway, however, is considered a dangerous attitude for any country intent on pursuing a course of strict neutrality. — Reuter.

Scandinavian Attitude Condemned In France

DOMINATED BY FEAR OF NAZIS

U.S. COMMENT

BRITISH ACTION ENDORSED

London, To-day.

The "New York World-Telegram," commenting on the Altmark, says: "Friday's coup was justified on moral if not on technical grounds."

"The Altmark was certainly no merchantman. She was a naval auxiliary and prison ship for the Graf Spee."

The "New York Sun" declares: "The raid was daringly conceived and brilliantly carried out. The Norwegian officials accepted the word of the German commander. Germany violated Norwegian neutrality."

The "Boston Herald" says: "The attitude of Americans is probably identical with that of the British Government."

HUMANE DUTY

The Turkish newspaper "Ulus" says: "The British action in freeing prisoners who had been wandering for months under oppressive conditions was not only legally right but a humane duty."

The Danish "National Tidende" declares: "It would be hypocritical if we here in Denmark pretended we cannot sympathise with the British Navy's motives in taking this action."

NORWAY BLAMED

The Netherlands journal "Telegraaf" thinks Norway herself is to be blamed in the first instance. "Norway's is the heaviest responsibility, and slackness only increases the dangers for neutrals."

The Swiss newspaper "Der Bund" says: "Germany recently boasted that she dominated the North Sea. The British Navy has taken action and has given an answer that will ring throughout the world."—Reuter.

ACTS OF PIRACY

Paris, To-day.

Well-informed circles here welcome Mr. Neville Chamberlain's references to the German abuses of Norwegian territorial waters.

It is felt that the Altmark incident has thrown a searchlight upon the German use of these waters.

It is declared that so long as these waters are used as artificial protection for evasion of the Allied control or for acts of piracy, then the British and French navies will take whatever measures are necessary to defend their interests, which are being injured by the passivity of the Norwegian authorities.—Reuter.

JAPAN AND U.S. AID IN PEACE EFFORT

London, To-day.

According to the Tokyo correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," an official military spokesman said that U. S. help in effecting a Sino-Japanese settlement would be welcomed by the Japanese if it was carried out so as not to arouse misunderstanding in Japan.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

IN YESTERDAY MORNING'S "L'Oeuvre," Genevieve Tabouis says that Sweden and Norway have shown their desire to remain in relation to Germany exactly on the same terms as before the Altmark incident and to favour Germany to the detriment of the Allies.

She is surprised by the recent statement by a spokesman of the Norwegian Foreign Ministry, who insisted on taking Germany's part in relation to the disappearance in Norwegian waters of three British ships in the past few weeks.

M. Blum, the Socialist leader, in "Le Populaire," wonders how the refusal of Sweden and Norway to give the Allies means of helping Finland in accordance with the resolution of the League of Nations would be compatible with their obligations as neutral powers and as members of the League?

He adds that the way Hitler and Stalin were conducting their wars was incompatible with any plain and safe conception of neutrality.

A WARNING

Last night, "Le Temps" said that the neutrals had been warned by the British Press that, as a result of the Josing Fiord affair, Great Britain will not remain passive in the presence of breaches of the rules of international law.

Discussing Finland, the Conservative paper "L'Intransigeant" says that although we can admire the victory over the Soviet 18th Division we must help Finland more. We should not be mistaken; the Russians have an enormous reserve of men and in the long run the Finns might be submerged as in the case of floods.

GAME NOT OVER

Britain and France have supplied important resources to Mannerheim's armies, but this effort and this support must not be interrupted.

In the face of Scandinavia's failure to extend man-power help to Finland, the paper says that the Allies alone must serve Finland. They must not relax. The game is not over yet.—Havas.

TREATY REGISTERED AT GENEVA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GENEVA, TO-DAY.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS REGISTERED THE ANGLO-FRANCO-TURKISH TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE SIGNED ON OCTOBER 19, 1939.

The registration links the Treaty with the Montreux Convention, signed under the League auspices, regarding the use of the Dardanelles by belligerent warships whereby the Dardanelles can be used by the belligerent country's warships if one of the signatories to the mutual assistance pact is the victim of aggression.

Therefore, the British and French navies can go to the assistance of Turkey through the Dardanelles if Turkey is attacked.—Havas.

POLISH AIRMEN IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

At an R.A.F. station in England yesterday, Polish airmen were inspected by the Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Air Force.—Reuter.

LONDON FUEL SHORTAGE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE PEOPLE OF LONDON ARE SUFFERING GRAVE HARDSHIPS BECAUSE OF FUEL SHORTAGES, A LETTER TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN STATES.

The letter is signed by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Labour M.P. for Hackney, on behalf of the London Workers' War Vigilance Committee.

The Prime Minister is asked to receive a deputation at his earliest convenience.—Reuter.

"DESTROYER INSTEAD OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE"

Bombay, To-day.

THE FEATURE OF Indian newspaper comment on the Altmark incident is the strong vindication by the nationalist organs of the part played by Britain.

"The British reply to the Norwegian protest was convincing," writes the "Bombay Chronicle." "Norway was assisting a German warship to take to a German prison British captives illegally held. Norway cannot complain if in such an emergency the British Government used a destroyer instead of a diplomatic note."

"As for Germany, her hysterical protests only invite ridicule. What is important is the possibility that Norway is being blackmailed by Germany into a position hostile to the Allies."

The "Free Press Journal" says: "The case of Norway lost all its strength when the Norwegian officers reported that there were no prisoners on board the Altmark."

"It was Mr. Churchill who had to decide. He left the law to the lawyers and ordered his sailors to board the Altmark. This they did—and with spectacular success."

REAL JUSTIFICATION

The nationalist press of New Delhi regards Norway's inability to prevent the prisoners from being carried to Germany through her territorial waters as real justification for the British violation of her neutrality.

Thus the newspaper "National Call" writes: "The Norwegian protest loses much of its point owing to the manner in which the Norwegian Government allowed the Altmark to use its waters without careful investigation."

All the foregoing comment is from nationalist newspapers.—Reuter.

NAVAL CREWS TO MARCH TO GUILDHALL

London, To-day.

Londoners will have an opportunity to cheer the heroes of the River Plate Battle on Friday, when 760 officers and men of H.M.S. Ajax and Exeter come to town to lunch with the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall.

They will march to Guildhall through Westminster and the City.—Reuter.

SKILLED WORKERS IN ARMS FIRMS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A BIG DRIVE HAS BEEN STARTED TO PROVIDE MORE SKILLED WORKERS FOR ARMAMENTS WORKS AND THE EXISTING SCHEME—UNDER WHICH THEY ARE TRAINED IN 14 CENTRES AND SOME SMALLER SCHOOLS—IS TO BE EXTENDED.

It is hoped to provide 40,000 semi-skilled workers a year, the workers being drawn from the ranks of the unemployed.

The British Press supports the drive, although in some quarters it is felt that the source should also include the ranks of the non-essential occupations; it is also stressed that financial considerations should not limit the area from which they are drawn.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL GETS A CHEER

London, To-day.

When Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, took his seat in the Commons yesterday he was greeted with cheers.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

PEOPLE NEED THE TRUTH

The spiritual need for truth has become more vital in some countries of the world to-day than the human desire for daily bread.

In fact, robbing the peoples of entire nations of the truth and feeding them instead on lies and mass propaganda has resulted in actual physical starvation for millions.

In this age of ruthless dictators, whose very existence and control depends upon the constant spread of untruths and misinformation among their peoples, denial of the right to truth has produced far more horrible misery than would the loss of bread. The dire need of truth overshadows all else—once it is lost to a people.

Despite human errors and failings of some, the vast majority of newspapers in the country have held the torch of truth high. They have exerted every effort to convey accurate and reliable facts to the people. Even in their individual editorial expressions—which are entirely apart from the news columns—they have expressed their honest opinions in the light of their beliefs for the public welfare. They have constantly striven to build their communities and the nation, and in so doing merit public confidence and support.

Well may we in America be thankful for a press which is free to print and defend the truth for its people.—"Ocean Beach News," California.

NAZI JUSTICE

We all know from the general conditions of life in Nazi Germany that no respect is paid to individual rights. But few perhaps realise that the persecutions of which we read are based on definite and reasoned interpretations of law and policy. They differ profoundly from the kind of violence that breaks out in an ill-governed country where the law is powerless to protect the weak. An Oxford pamphlet has just been published, written by Mr. Walter Jones, giving a clear account of "The Nazi Conception of Law." The safeguards of justice with which we are familiar were all adopted in the Weimar Constitution. Judges were declared to be independent and subject only to the law; punishments could not be inflicted for any act unless the act was designated by the law as punishable before it was committed; criminal offences could only be created by statute; the judge could not go beyond the language of a statute in trying an accused person. All these restrictions have disappeared; some of them were formally abrogated by a law of June, 1935. "The modern judge is urged to take as his model the old German popular courts, whose function was to express popular or racial rather than rational or technical notions of law." Popular feeling is thus given an overruling authority. But by popular feeling is

meant not what people feel but what they ought to feel and what they ought to feel is decided by the party and ultimately, of course, by the Fuehrer. Hence if a man obtains a verdict in court in his favour he may still be seized by the Gestapo and buried in a concentration camp, for it may be held that he is the sort of man whom the public ought to hate or that he has the sort of personality which the party cannot trust. This is the sort of justice which the party cannot trust. This is the sort of justice which the party cannot trust. This is the sort of justice which the party cannot trust.

support for military action in which all the people must accept a new risk is important. The present discussion in Britain may throw much light on that. And it is almost sure to bring to the Government vital information on many issues in the war.

DEMOCRACY IN THE DINING-ROOM

In principle the democratising of the Army is established, but in practice some things still need doing in order to "scatter the rear of darkness thin." An effort is still being made to maintain the exclusion of privates from restaurants where the holders of commissions are refreshing themselves. Licence-holders are threatened by local military authorities with having their premises put out of bounds if this rule is not adhered to. In days when there was a wide divergence of social habits the separation was doubtless wise and convenient. Insistence on it to-day can be expected only from the kind of "military authority" who has survived his usefulness.—"The Observer."

THE LAW OF THE SEA

The Submarine Protocol, by which all the maritime Powers, including Germany, undertook among other things not to turn adrift in open boats the survivors of sunken merchant ships, was conceived in the name of humanity. The Hague Convention of 1907, by which the same Powers, including Germany, undertook not to place submarine mines in the open seas, to the danger of peaceful and neutral shipping, without notification which would enable such shipping to avoid the danger, was inspired by the same motive. Maritime international law which, by prescribing that no more force may be used by a warship against a merchant ship than is necessary to enforce compliance with the warship's orders, forbids armed forces to make war on non-combatants is another expression of the conscience of mankind.—"The Times."

DEMOCRACY IN WAR

Great Britain can still afford a Cabinet crisis. Such changes are made in totalitarian states. Only recently we have heard reports of shifts in the Russian command. Germany has had such shifts, undoubtedly to-day has grave questions of military policy to decide. Does anyone believe that in the dictatorships these problems are resolved more wisely? There is much less talk—although the underground discussion of the ousting of a Von Blomberg or the end of a Von Fritsch goes on, for months. But is all the information and opinion which might differ from a dictator's opinion made available to him? Does he decide knowing that his every reason will be examined and must be justified? Is it not a fact that even in war talk has its value?

NEUTRALITY

There are probably two main reasons why neutrality has become so popular, why the scope of the Anglo-French-German conflict has been much more restricted than had been anticipated. First, peoples do not want war. The mood in the belligerent countries is not one of elation or enthusiasm, but rather of grim acceptance of the inevitable. Secondly, the actual or threatened disappearance of so many small States carries its own warning to those which are remaining neutral. In these days of the high-powered mechanical warfare, which only rich and industrially developed countries can effectively carry on, the small State that tries to fish in troubled waters is almost certain to lose line, hook, and sinker.—W. H. Chamberlain.

Can the dictatorships hope for so much? Do they even know whether their people would support an "all-out" war? We may soon see that democracy has its uses even in war.—"Manchester Guardian." "Christian Science Monitor."

Far-Reaching Change In British Colonial Policy

British Taxpayer To Finance Big Development Plan

LONDON, TO-DAY.
INTERPRETING THE GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER ON THE NEW COLONIAL POLICY, AN AUTHORITY QUARTER IN LONDON LAST EVENING POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH FAR-REACHING DEVELOPMENTS OF THE TRADITIONAL POLICY OF TRUSTEESHIP INVOLVING AN EXPENDITURE OF FIFTY MILLION POUNDS OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

It is emphasised that this decision is not taken because of the war and that the grants are not in nature of, as it were, a bribe to the Colonies.

In fact, the new policy was outlined before the outbreak of hostilities and it is noteworthy that the execution has been decided upon in spite of the heavy financial commitments of Great Britain in the present struggle.

The policy is also considered here as the best possible visible proof of the falsity of the familiar German argument that Britain exploits the colonies.

Financial assistance to the Colonies in the form of grants, not a loan, for which Government is seeking parliamentary authority shows that Britain, while far from extracting a native tribute to the European war, in fact makes the British taxpayer bear an additional burden for the benefit of the social and economic improvement and welfare of native peoples.

Finally, it is considered as significant evidence of Britain's confidence that victory is assured if the country in the middle of a war is ready to embark upon a costly long-term Colonial Development Scheme.

CENTRAL ORGANISATION

At the same time as the White Paper, the recommendations of the West India Royal Commission are also issued, about which the White Paper says the Commission's important proposal that a central organisation be erected, presided over by a Comptroller, for the purpose of the further development of welfare services in the West Indies has been accepted by the Government.

Although the remainder of the Commission's recommendations are still the subject of consultation with the West Indian administrations, the Government is anxious to act as early as possible in the spirit of the recommendations as a whole and will result in a future statement of policy.

The Government propose providing a special sum of £350,000 for such schemes as can be immediately begun in certain of these colonies.

"While the Royal Commission has been investigating the situation in the West Indies, the Government has been examining the position in the Colonial Empire generally," the White Paper continues, and the time has arrived to announce Government policy on this broad question.

STANDARD OF LIFE

"Though the unhappy intervention of the war may inevitably affect the rate of advance, the Government propose to proceed with the policy of development as fast as the exigencies of the times permit."

Declaring H.M.G. to be trustees for the well being of the peoples of the Colonial Empire and acknowledging the spontaneous support given by the inhabitants to the common war effort, the White Paper proceeds: "The primary aim colonial policy is to protect and advance the interests of the inhabitants of colonies." Although much has already been accomplished, further development of the natural resources of the territories can be brought about so as to improve the inhabitants' standard of life.

SELF-HELP

Some colonies are strengthening their own economic positions and improving social conditions, in others adjustment of taxation would, without injustice, raise larger revenues.

"Nevertheless, if a full and balanced development is to be obtained and if the Colonial Governments are to be placed to positions to maintain administrative, technical and social services at proper standards, some assistance from outside is necessary at this stage."

The White Paper then summarises past assistance to the Colonies from the U.K. Exchequer, pointing out that £12,000,000 has been paid in the last ten years and also £5,000,000 from the Colonial Development Fund in a similar period, while the outstanding commitments amount to £1,600,000.

A NEW PRINCIPLE

The Colonial Development Fund, the White Paper explains was instituted in 1929 with a view "to promoting commerce with industry in the U.K." and was limited to a maximum of £1,000,000 in each year.

The Fund, says the White Paper, involved no departure from the old principle that a Colony should have only the services which its own resources could maintain.

"This principle now calls for revision and the Government propose, in appropriate cases, that money from new sources which they have in mind to provide, be made available for the maintenance of important works or services over a substantial period of years."

Hitherto the emphasis in the scope of the Fund has been placed on material development, mainly of a capital and non-recurring nature.

The Government now propose legislation whereby the maximum amount available under the Fund will be increased to £5,000,000 yearly for ten years and the expenditure therefrom enabled to cover recurring expenditure and such items as agriculture, education, health and housing.

MAXIMUM FIGURES

Research, the White Paper declares, calls for special treatment, and an additional provision is made for this item to a maximum expenditure of £500,000 a year. These, the White Paper points out, are maximum figures, and it is not expected they will be reached at once.

"It should be noted that these measures of assistance by the taxpayers of the U.K. will be extended without distinction, not only to British Colonies and Protectorates but also to all territories administered by the Government under the mandatory system."

The White Paper emphasises that the Colonies by improving their economic position can supply their own

R.A.F. MEN DECORATED

London, To-day.

Gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations are recognised in a long list of Air Force awards just published, including three D.S.O.s to Wing Commander F. F. Pearce, Wing Commander W. E. Station, Squadron Leader J. R. Hallingspot. Sixteen officers are awarded the D.F.C., fifteen men receive the Distinguished Flying Medal, and the names are given of 70 mentioned in despatches.—Reuter.

desirable social services and assistance from the U.K. should be related to what the Colonies can do for themselves.

It is essential, therefore, that there be close cooperation between the Home and Colonial Governments and with this aim the expansion of an Colonial Office staff has dealing with such services as health, housing and education.

VARIETY OF PROBLEMS

Appreciation is expressed of the variety of the problems and the needs and the Government's policy is not to impose a uniform system throughout the Colonial Empire although development must proceed upon a balanced comprehensive plan.

Colonial Governments are invited to prepare development programmes for a period of years ahead and to submit them without loss of time, thus affording the Colonial Office and its advisory Committee which it is proposed to set up, a comprehensive view of the needs and proposals for the Colonial Empire as a whole.

"From London, there will be assistance and guidance, but no spirit of dictation!"—British Wireless.

BRITISH MILITARY AID TO TURKEY

Berlin, To-day.

A German news agency message from Sofia declares that about 50 British artillery and engineer officers arrived at Adrianople last week to assist in extending the fortifications at Adrianople and Kirk Kilissi.

The message adds that a mission of British officers is also staying in the Straits region with the same task.—Reuter.

RUSSIA'S IMPORTS FROM U.S.A.

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

THE DISCLOSURE THAT STATE-GIG MATERIALS AND MACHINERY ESSENTIAL FOR WAR INDUSTRIES CONSTITUTED ALMOST 90 PER CENT. OF RUSSIA'S PURCHASES FROM THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR IN EUROPE, IS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ACCORDING TO A DOW JONES AGENCY TELEGRAM FROM WASHINGTON.

A special analysis shows that exports to Russia for the five months ending Jan. 31 totalled \$36,000,000, of which \$33,000,000 constituted war essentials.

Virtually all the January exports to Russia were copper and metal-working machinery, valued at \$11,313,000 compared with exports in January last year of \$1,757,000.—Reuter.

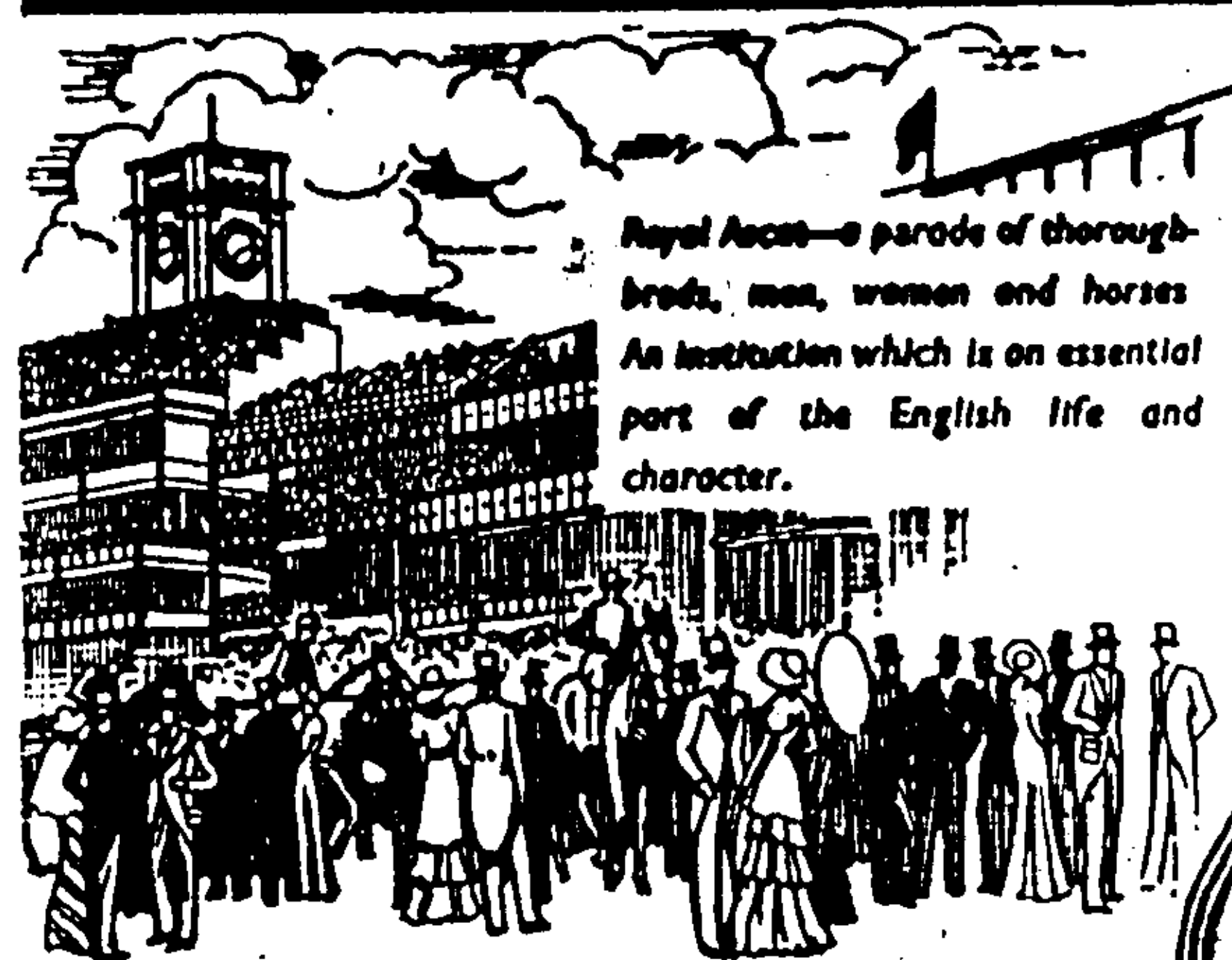
SHIPS TRANSFERRED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Eight more ships of the American Mercantile Marine have been transferred to foreign registry, this time under the Belgian flag.—Havas.

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CHAMPIONS DAY AT THE RACES

MOUNT HOPE BAY SETS NEW RECORD: HIGHER DIVIDENDS

MR. L. DUNBAR'S Mount Hope Bay (Mr. D. Black up) established a new China pony record to-day when it won the Grand Stand Stakes in 1.21.2, one and two-fifths of a second inside Spicylight's record time last Saturday in the Maiden Stakes. It won by six lengths and had a good deal in reserve.

The rain had held off up to the luncheon interval, but the weather looked very threatening and there was a nip in the air. Fur coats are hiding the colourful dresses usually on display on Champions Day.

Pari-mutuel dividends have at last taken a turn for the better — National Pride (Mr. H. M. Botelho) paid \$100.90 for a win, only to see Ajax, which gave Mr. Li Tse-fong a winner for the first time in months, go one better in the next race and return a win-dividend of \$281.20 and a place dividend of \$60.90. In the next race Bogey (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) won the Jockey Cup to pay \$51.80 for a win, while the second pony, Gay (Mr. Sadick) paid \$34.50.

A battle royal is expected to-day in the Champion Stakes, when Mr. Moller's Satinlight (Mr. "Boojie" Moller) meets Quartermaster's Burford (Mr. Pih) once again. Only half a length separated these two in the Derby last Monday, and on that occasion Burford was short of a gallop. To-day Burford is in much better condition, excepting the deformed fetlock, and the quarter of a mile less in distance will be in its favour, but if there is much rain conditions will favour Satinlight.

All factors considered, Burford is likely to check the amazing sequence of Moller wins in the biggest race of them all — it is worth approximately \$3,000.00 in stakes to the winner.

Navylight, Confusion Bay and Eve of Harvest are likely to be the other starters.

Following have won the Champion Stakes in the past ten years, giving the jockey and time:

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1931—Mr. Dunbar's Diana Bay (Hill)	2.30.2
1932—Mr. Dunbar's Diana Bay (Hill)	2.31.1
1933—Mr. Dunbar's Liberty Bay (Hill)	2.24.0
1934—Mr. Dunbar's Liberty Bay (Frost)	2.36.2
1935—Mr. Dunbar's Liberty Bay (Frost)	2.25.3

1936—Mr. Dunbar's Liberty Bay (Frost)	2.43.2
1937—Mr. Pearce's King's Warden (Marshall)	2.28.0
1938—Mr. Moller's Silkylight (Moller)	2.24.3
1939—Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rose Elect (Encarnacao)	2.24.0

SPRINT RECORD GOES

Mr. Dunbar's Mount Hope Bay (Mr. Black), beaten yesterday by half a length by Spicylight in the record-breaking race for the Chater Cup, established a new China pony record for six furlongs when it won the Grand Stand Stakes in effortless style in 1.21.2, one and two-fifths of a second better than Spicylight's record in the Maiden Stakes on Saturday.

Following are the two records:

Spicylight	26.1; 52.1; 1.22.4
Mount Hope Bay	26.4; 53.2; 1.21.2

The Dunbar crack did not get the advantage of a flying start, taking some time to get into his stride and as a result Craigavad, second favourite, was on its heels right up to the Village Bend, when Mount Hope Bay went further ahead to win by six lengths. Craigavad was many lengths ahead of Eve of Folly and Victoria was fourth.

The owner of sweep ticket number 1163, which won \$1598.80 on Mount Hope Bay in the first race, drew Boolat Bay (Mr. Gram) in the second race and was given a real thrill when this pony came up strongly over the last furlong to lose by only a short head to National Pride (Mr. H. M. Botelho), a rank outsider, which paid \$100.90 for a win and \$29.10 for a place. Rose-Queen (Mr. Poy) finished full of running to snatch third place from the rapidly tiring Galveston Bay.

AJAX CAUSES UPSET

The Ladies' Purse, which was presented by Miss Rosemary Vickers, niece of Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, was won by Mr. Li Tse-fong's Ajax, which responded to Mr. Liang's hard riding over the last furlong and snatched a dramatic win by a short head to pay \$281.20 for a win and \$60.90 for a place. Happy Landings (Mr. Davis), which led into the home straight, was second, Pumpernickel (Mr. Proulx), second favourite, third and Rising Star (Mr. Pan) fourth. A Roaring Time, beaten so decisively yesterday by Murrumbidgee, was made a hot favourite but finished nowhere.

There were only 66 win tickets on Ajax and 60 for a place, and the jockey had the honour of accompanying Miss Vickers to tiffin in Sir Vandeleur's box.

Clever riding by Mr. Chiu Ki-fan resulted in another upset when Sunny-side's Bogey won the Jockey Cup, for Novice jockeys, by 4 lengths from Gog (Mr. Sadick), which beat Valorous (Mr. Wood) by 1½ lengths. Heddon was fourth.

Palmer went out into the lead, followed by Blaisdon, Bogey and Heddon, but after passing the Rock Bogey was sent up fast on the rails and was leading by a big margin at the 1¼-mile starting gate. Mr. Chiu gave it a breathing spell at the distance post and then rode it well to win and pay \$51.80 for its success. Gog paid \$34.50 for its place.

THE HOPE STAKES

Mr. Moller's stable, unbeaten in events for 1940 China griffins, received its first check when Racylight (Mr. "Boojie" Moller up) dead-heated with Gretber (Mr. Gram) in the Hope Stakes.

Racylight went into a big lead from the start and set a 1.54.4 mile but Gretber started to catch up rapidly after passing the Rock, when Mr. Moller gave his mount a breather. Racylight led into the straight by a small margin and two strokes of the whip gave it the advantage over Gretber, which it lost only in the last few yards.

Mr. Gram did not use the whip on Gretber otherwise he would probably have won.

For All Time was third and Eve of Reason fourth.

BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE

Mr. Bradbury's Connieber disappointed badly in the Blue Mountains Plate, being always in a good position but lacking a finishing burst. Viceroy (Mr. Needa), the third favourite, won as the result of a late challenge, just beating Vanity Fair (Mr. Ip), the pace-maker, by a short head. Albury, the second favourite, was third, and Connieber, the favourite, a poor fourth. Busylight (Mr. Botelho), looking very businesslike in the back straight, pulled out before reaching the Rock. It had apparently bored out as the pony did not appear lame when it finished behind the field.

1—GRAND STAND STAKES—Six Furlongs.

L. Dunbar's Mount Hope Bay 161 lb.	(D. Black)	1
Mrs. J. H. Taggart's Craigavad 161 lb.	(C. Encarnacao)	2
Eve's Eve of Folly 158 lb.	(B. A. Proulx)	3

Also ran:—Bronze Arrow, 161 lb., (W. G. Poy); Hughber, 161 lb., (G. P. Gram); National Success, 151 lb., (Yeung Wing-kwai); Patricia, 156 lb., (Ho Hong-ping); Thirty Six, 153 lb.,

(K. W. Fung); and Victoria, 156 lb., (Hoo Pak-ming).
9 Starters. Won by 6 lengths; many lengths.
Time: 26.4; 53.2; 1.21.2 (record).
Pari-mutuel, winner \$6.60; places, 1st \$5.10; 2nd \$5.10; 3rd \$5.10.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Mount Hope Bay	1437	658
Craigavad	719	563
Hughber	12	38
Eve of Folly	4	34
Bronze Arrow	1	22
Victoria	1	17
Thirty Six	1	9
Patricia	1	6
National Success	1	6

2—800CHOW HANDICAP—(First Section)—Six Furlongs.

Cal's National Pride 138 lb.	(H. M. Botelho)	1
S. W. Lee's Boolat Bay 168 lb.	(G. P. Gram)	2
Billy's Rose-Queen 156 lb.	(W. G. Poy)	3

Also ran:—Commencement Bay, 163 lb., (Chiu Ki-fan); Dawn Star, 150 lb., (B. A. Proulx); Galveston Bay, 159 lb., (H. J. A. Hearne); Hopeful Time, 156 lb., (R. M. Wood); Laughing Girl, 151 lb., (S. C. Liang); Lovely Star, 149 lb., (S. W. Pan); Royal Highness, 146 lb., (S. L. Yuen); Scenic View, 140 lb., (H. C. Pih); and Tim, 146 lb., (Ho Hong-ping).

12 Starters. Won by short head, 2 lengths.

Time: 27.3; 56.1; 1.27.3.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$100.90; places, 1st \$29.10; 2nd \$17.20; 3rd \$25.50.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Lovely Star	1693	964
Galveston Bay	512	638
Boolat Bay	227	228
National Pride	123	114
Rose-Queen	88	134
Scenic View	60	138
Laughing Girl	52	104
Dawn Star	33	53
Commencement Bay	7	20
Royal Highness	7	11
Tim	1	1
Hopeful Time	1	4

3—LADIES' PURSE — Presented: with \$750 added for Winner. About 7 Furlongs 49 Yards.

L. T. F.'s Ajax 150 lb.	(S. C. Liang)	1
Ellandee's Happy Landings 145 lb.	(W. H. S. Davis)	2
J. H. Jessen's Pumpernickel 155 lb.	(B. A. Proulx)	3

Also ran:—Annabella, 160 lb., (L. B. Chao); A Roaring Time, 165 lb., (P. Y. T. Wei); Blandford, 150 lb., (W. G. Poy); Bredon, 143 lb., (G. Treverton); Centre Court, 150 lb., (H. J. A. Hearne); Derby Day, 152 lb., (S. L. Yuen); National Victory, 149 lb., (G. P. Gram); Rising Star, 135 lb., (S. W. Pan); and Roofly, 152 lb., (C. L. Gregory).

12 Starters. Won by short head; short head.

Time: 15.1; 40.1; 1.07.2; 1.36.1.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$281.20; places, 1st \$60.90; 2nd \$13.70; 3rd \$9.20.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
A Roaring Time	1156	936
Pumpernickel	1059	787
Annabella	734	556
Happy Landings	497	383
Centre Court	248	229
Rising Star	151	236
Blandford	98	135
Roofly	89	189
Ajax	66	60
National Victory	50	56
Derby Day	41	77
Bredon	20	34

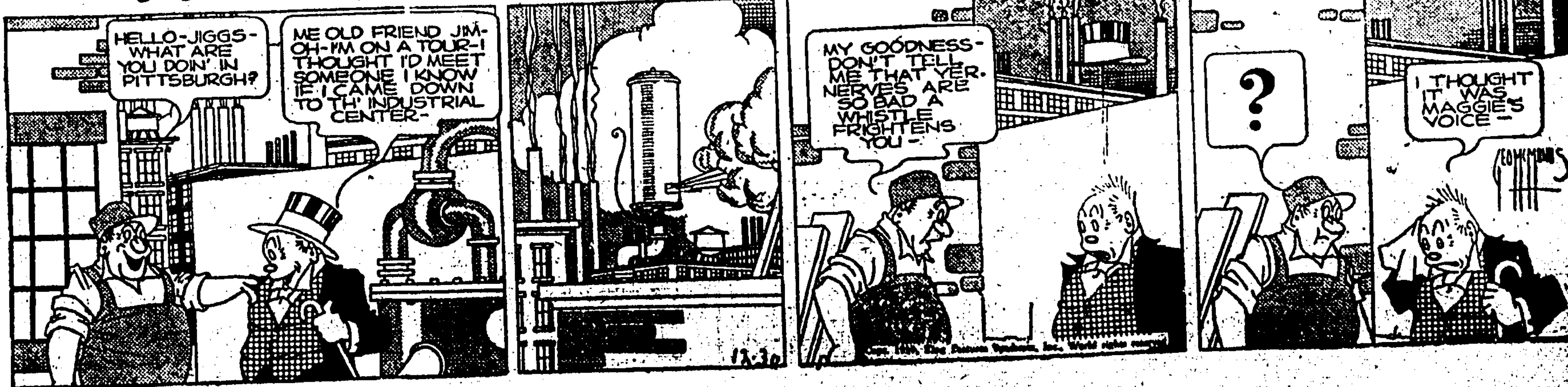
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BRITISH EMBASSY TO STAY BASED IN SHANGHAI

London, To-day.

MR. R. DE LA BERE (Conservative, Evesham) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether, since the Russian and American Embassies in China enjoyed a more favourable geographic proximity to the headquarters of the Chinese Government and so had easy access for commercial discussions and negotiations, the Prime Minister would consider moving the British Embassy to an equally favourable geographical position.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that while the Ambassador's headquarters were at Shanghai he frequently visited Chungking, and was in fact there now.

When he was not in Chungking contact was maintained with the National Government through the offices of the Embassy which were in the charge of a senior member of the Embassy staff.

These arrangements were found to be very convenient in practice for the maintenance of touch with British interests in different parts of China, and the Foreign Secretary did not consider that modification at present was called for. — Reuter.

CHAMPIONS DAY AT THE RACES

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4—JOCKEY CUP—One Mile.
Sunnyside's Bogey 140 lb.
(Chlu Ki-fan) 1
Mrs. B. Hall's Gog 161 lb.
(O. R. Sadick) 2
Helenside's Valorous 158 lb.
(R. M. Wood) 3

Also ran:—Arabian Cat, 158 lb., (H. J. Cowie); Blaisdon, 144 lb., (F. A. Sequeira); Diogenes, 151 lb., (K. W. Fung); Gallant Marshal, 155 lb., (G. W. Cooper); Geordie, 161 lb., (R. Sleap); Heddon, 160 lb., (Lo G. Hin); Lucky Eleven, 156 lb., (H. A. de B. Botelho); National Honour, 156 lb., (Yeung Wing-kwai); Opening Batsman, 140 lb., (R. K. C. Chiu); Palmer, 158 lb., (T. W. Chattey); Sports Venture, 156 lb., (Ho Hong-ping); and Tribute, 156 lb., (Yeung Wing-sing).
15 Starters. Won by 4 lengths; 1½ lengths.

Time: 40.3, 1.02.2, 1.35.1, 2.09.2.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$51.80; places, 1st \$13.20; 2nd \$34.50; 3rd \$12.00.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Valorous	669	408
Gallant Marshal	619	652
Palmer	337	328
Bogey	264	349
Lucky Eleven	193	202
National Honour	192	200
Sports Venture	183	120
Heddon	155	171
Diogenes	135	104
Gog	86	97
Tribute	76	48
Geordie	66	80
Arabian Cat	62	84
Opening Batsman	34	37
Blaisdon	33	38

5—HOPEFUL STAKES—1¼ Miles.

Marber's Gretber 161 lb.
(G. P. Gram) 1
Clre's Racylight 166 lb.
(R. B. Moller) 1*

* Dead heat.

Li Po Chun's For All Time 161 lb.
(P. Y. T. Wei) 3

Also ran:—Eve of Hunting, 153 lb., (Hoo Pak Ming) Eve of Reason, 161 lb., (B. A. Proulx); Hillsboro Bay, 155 lb., (D. Black); and Lusitania, 161 lb., (V. V. Needa).

7 starters. Won by dead heat; 5 lengths.

Time: 28.4; 56; 1.24.2; 1.54.4; 2.24.4.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$5.10 Gretber; \$5.10 Racylight; places, 1st \$5.10 Gretber; \$5.10 Racylight; 3rd \$5.30.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Racylight	1836	1014
Gretber	1397	1222
For All Time	116	249
Hillsboro Bay	41	149
Lusitania	34	103
Eve of Hunting	22	52
Eve of Reason	19	82

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TWEEDSMUIR MEMORIAL SERVICES

London, To-day.

The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said in the House of Commons yesterday that memorial services for Lord Tweedsmuir were being arranged in Westminster Abbey and St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Thursday. The funeral would be private.

Mr. Eden added he was sure the House would wish him to take this opportunity of paying tribute to the great services Lord Tweedsmuir had rendered to the Empire and expressing their deep sympathy with his family. — Reuter.

I.R.A. CONDEMNED

Dublin, To-day.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Dail, Mr. Cosgrave, attacked the activities of the Irish Republican Army yesterday in a speech to his party.

The I.R.A. policy, he said, would only bring dishonour to Ireland and make the solution of the partition problem more difficult.

At no time had it less claim than the present to the support of the Irish people. — Reuter.

SEVERAL ATTACKS ON U-BOATS

London, To-day.

It is announced in French naval circles that British and French naval vessels on Monday afternoon attacked several submarines but it is not possible to say with what result.—Reuter.

ANTI-COMMUNIST BILL IN BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian Government yesterday introduced an Anti-Communist Bill to deal with Communist propaganda which is financed from outside Belgium. — Reuter.

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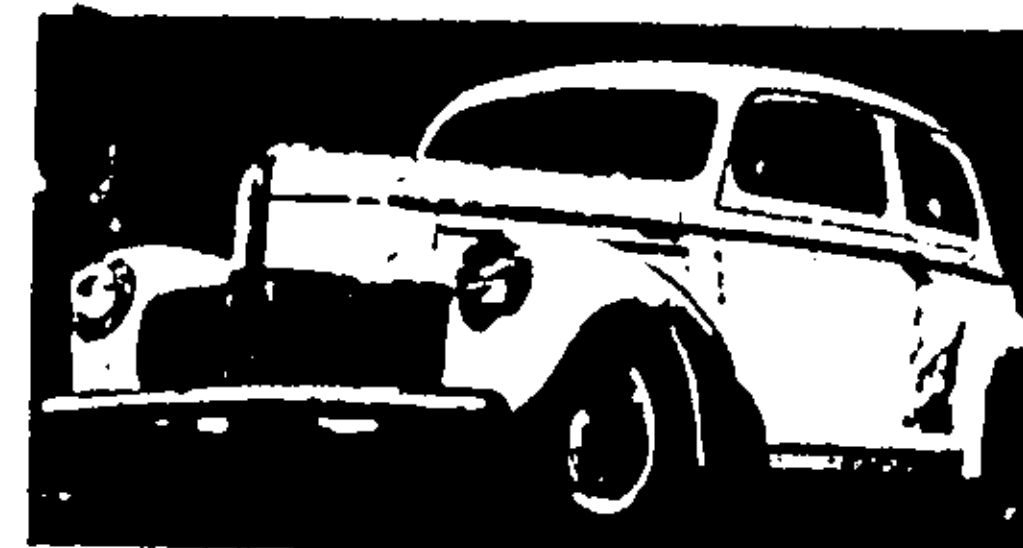
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FLOUR RIOTS IN TIENTSIN; HOSES TURNED ON CROWDS

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Tientsin, To-day.

LOOTING OCCURRED yesterday owing to the soaring prices of flour resulting from the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

A crowd attacked flour trucks passing through the Italian Concession but Italian marines and firemen prevented looting by turning water hoses on the crowd.

The rising prices are largely due to the depreciation of local currency resulting from a slump due to heavy purchases of flour abroad with the view to alleviate the shortage in North China.

Previously flour imports were counter-balanced by exports from North China. Nowadays these exports are refused owing to the exchange control regulations, increased exports towards Yen bloc countries, embargoes and difficulties in obtaining goods from the interior. — Havas.

Driven To Desperation

Tientsin, To-day.

Driven to desperation by the high cost of flour, which is now quoted at \$20 more per bag, and also by the high cost of other foodstuffs, poor Chinese staged a food riot in the native city yesterday morning.

It is learned that a lorry carrying flour was attacked by a mob in the Italian Concession.

The mob was driven off by police with the assistance of firemen, who played a hose on the looters.

The food situation, especially as regards flour, rice and sugar, is rapidly deteriorating, with prices soaring. The Chinese are the biggest sufferers as flour and rice form their principal diet. — Reuter.

NEW HIGH PRICE LEVEL

Peiping, To-day.

The price of flour hit a new high level of \$20 a bag yesterday compared with \$12, which was the official price at the end of last year.

The rise was due to the importation of large stocks of foodstuffs into North China to relieve the serious food shortage which is still causing acute suffering by the Chinese population.

The majority of the flour comes from abroad and had to be paid for in foreign currency, and this caused a sudden drop in the value of Federal Reserve banknotes, and consequently higher prices for foodstuffs.

Rice is now priced at over \$100 a bag. The situation is further aggravated by the shortage of meat locally. — Reuter.

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NO REPLY BY JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, declared that the State Department has not yet received the Japanese reply to the American representations three weeks ago regarding the bombing of the Yunnan railway. — Havas.

UKRAINIAN TRAGEDY

London, To-day.

According to French radio broadcast in Polish, the German authorities have handed over to the Soviet a number of Ukrainian nationalist leaders, in accordance with the Soviet-German agreement.

Among those sent to Russia are members of the Ukrainian Legion which was formed some years ago and which was originally directed against Soviet Russia.

Some of those handed over have already been shot by the Soviet. — Reuter.

THE ANZAC CONVOY

Istanbul, To-day.

Referring to the arrival of Anzac troops in the Middle East, the newspaper "Cumhuriyet" says: "The fact that the Anzac troops travelled ten thousand miles without loss proves the complete naval supremacy of Britain." — Reuter.

NEW IRAQI CABINET

Baghdad, To-day.

A new Iraqi Cabinet was expected to be formed by last night. The resigning Cabinet had been in office since the end of 1938. — Reuter.

ALL QUIET STILL

Paris, To-day.

The French war communiqué states that the day was quiet on the Western Front. — Reuter.

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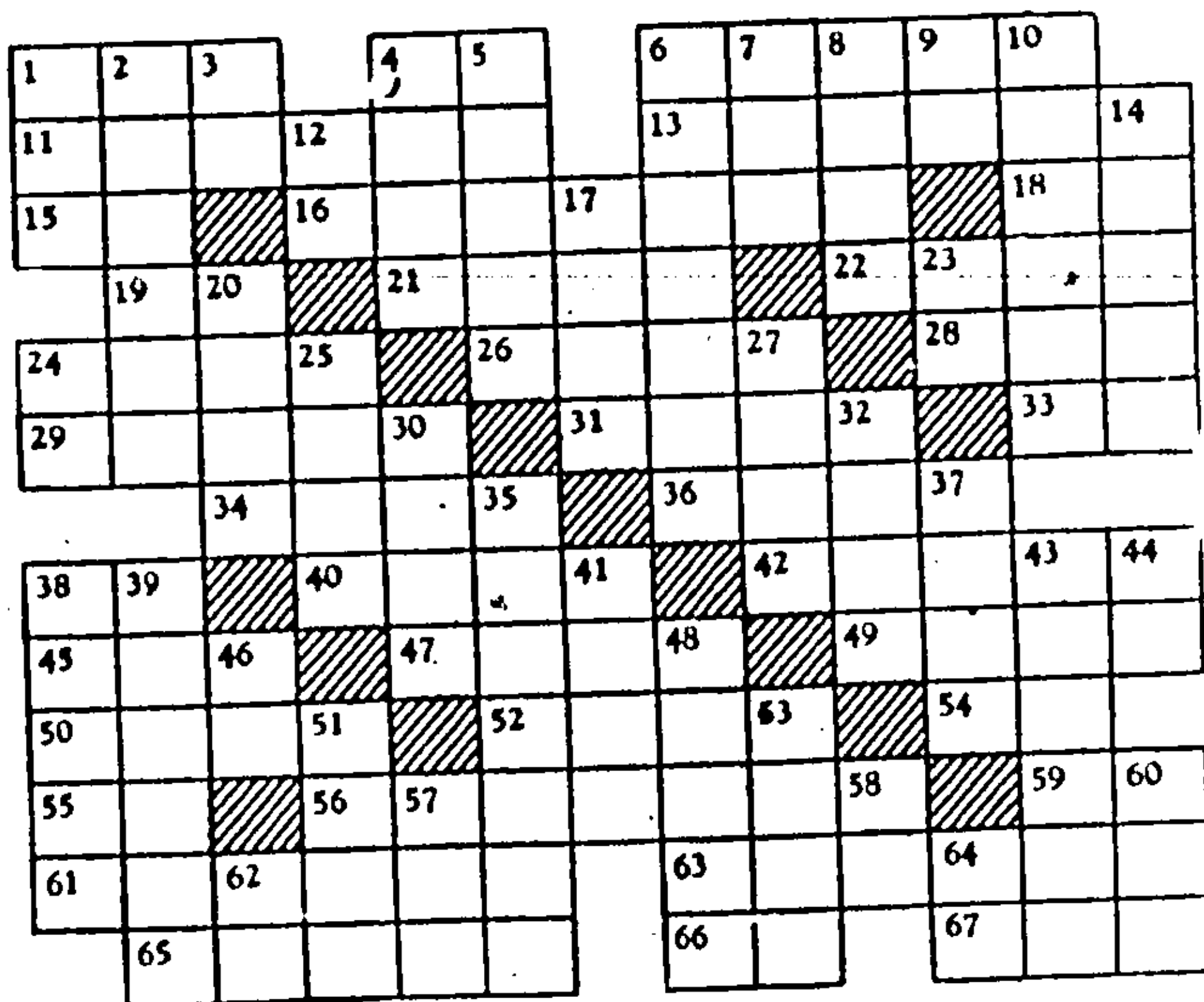
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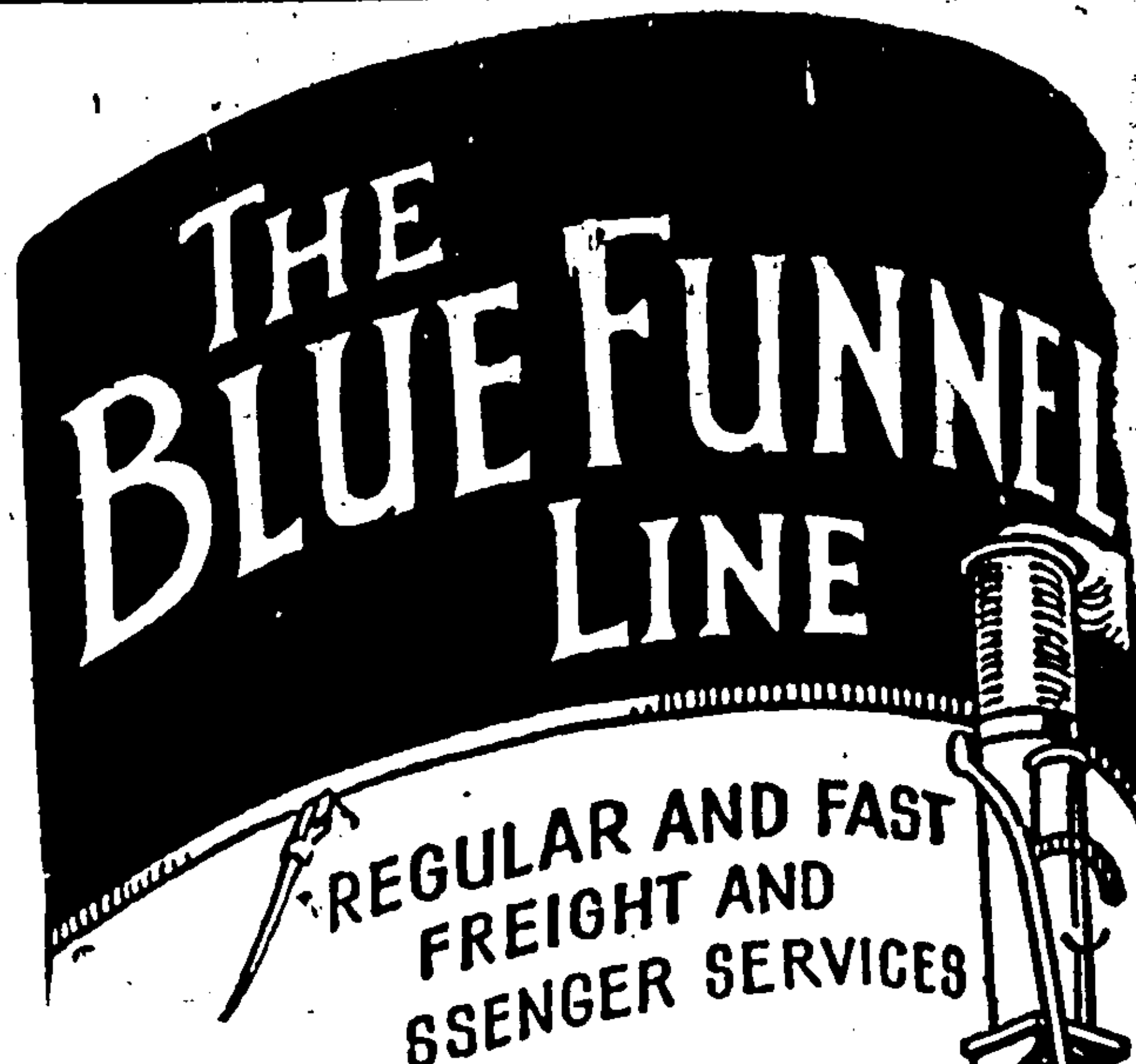
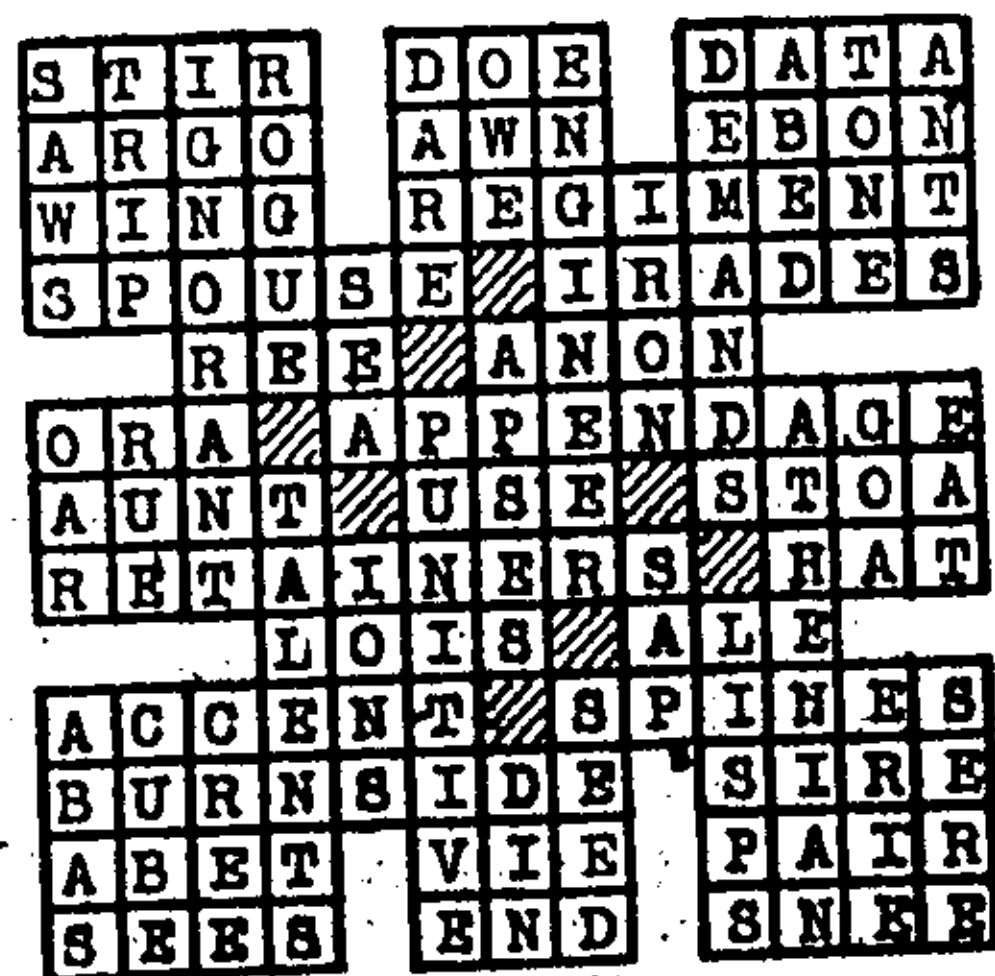
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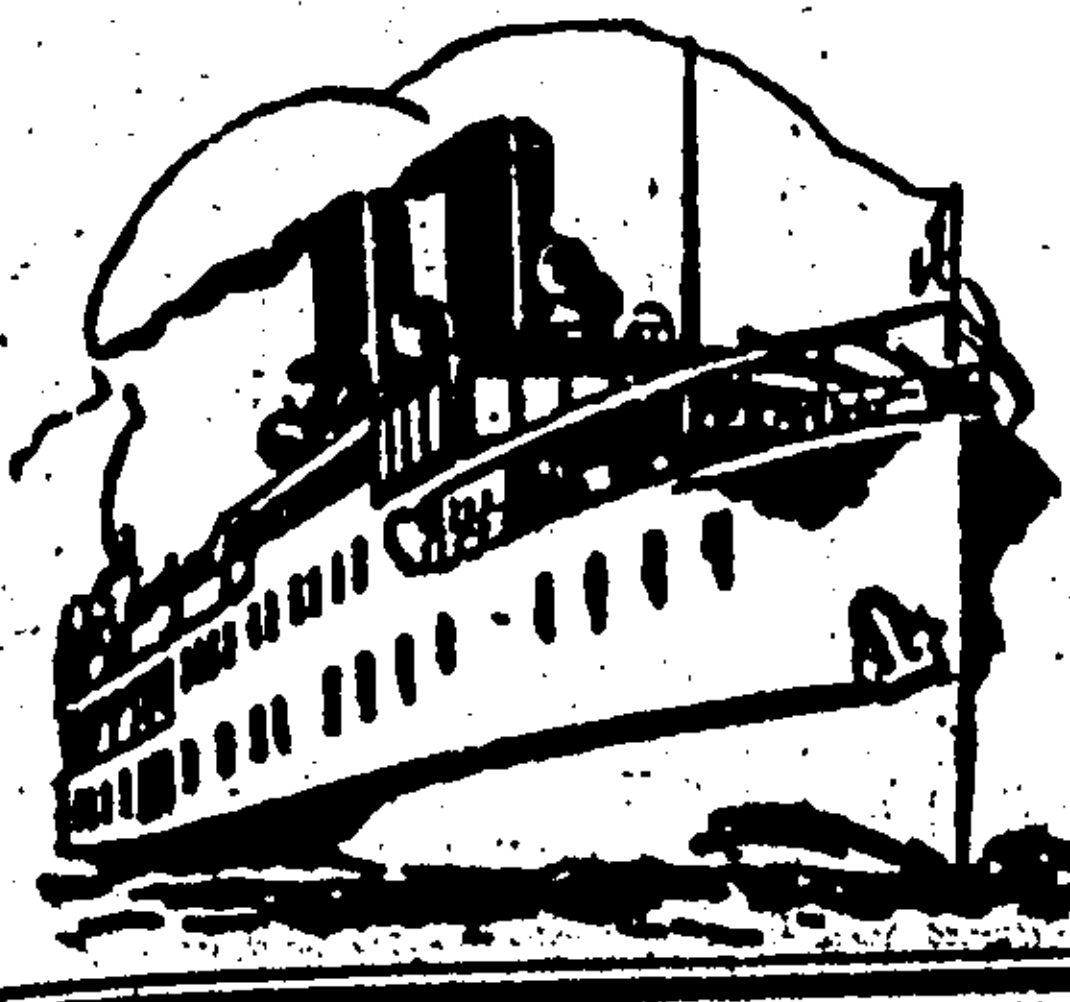
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LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE INTERNATIONAL RUBBER COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO MAINTAIN THE QUOTA AT 80 PER CENT. FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ACCORDED GENERALLY TO THE MARKET'S EXPECTATION, AND CONSEQUENTLY PRICES WERE NOT MATERIALLY AFFECTED.

The decision means that the technical position will remain unaltered at least for two months, and if trade demand does not relax in the near future, operators are of opinion that there will be a still larger backwardation of forward positions.

This might encourage consumers to buy forward as a guarantee to meet eventual requirements besides having the advantage of backwardation.

Some traders hope that second quarter licenses will be released in advance in an effort to bring relief to the nearer positions.—Reuter.

LEAVE FOR
ALL B.E.F.

London, To-day.

All the original members of the B.E.F. are expected to have had leave by the middle of March.

Announcing this in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Oliver Stanley said that arrangements now were being rapidly made.

He also said that 17,500 rankers have been recommended for commissions and 10,000 of these are now with officers' training centres.—Reuter.

NONE AVAILABLE

New York, To-day.

The "Herald-Tribune" commented yesterday: "The most important Russian product for Germany—oil—appears to be largely problematical not only because of the lack of adequate transportation but also because the Soviet petroleum industry has not kept up with domestic consumption."—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is stationary over China and the neighbouring seas, and has increased slightly in intensity; pressure appears to be highest over the Lower Yangtse Valley. The depression remains to the north-east of Hokkaido.



THE 'OOMPH' GIRL ON THE COVER—Ann Sheridan who stars (and sings) in "Naughty But Nice" at the King's Theatre.

SHANGHAI STREET
MYSTERY

With serious stab wounds in the throat, a Chinese, Tang Kwok-hung was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital at 1 a.m. to-day.

It is alleged that whilst walking in Shanghai Street, he was set upon by two "friends." Motive of the attack is not known and no arrests have yet been made.

RHODESIAN BEEF
FOR ALLIES

London, To-day.

A contract has been signed between Britain and Southern Rhodesia whereby Britain and her Allies will take all the beef Southern Rhodesia can supply.—Reuter.

SMALLPOX VICTIMS

Two bodies, one of a one-year-old child and the other of a 20-year-old youth, were picked up by the police in Boundary Street, near the Polo ground this morning. The bodies were those of victims of smallpox.

VISITING B.E.F.

Paris, To-day.

The South African Minister to Paris is at present visiting the B.E.F.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1420 b., C.D.
\$1425 sa., C.D.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$212½ b.
Union Ins. \$470 b.
China Underwriters \$1 s.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$182 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$100 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,
ETC.

H.K. Docks \$22 b., \$22.10 sa.
Providents \$4.00 b.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. and S. Hotels \$5.05 b.
H.K. Lands \$38¼ b., \$38¼ sa.
Humphreys \$7½ b.
H.K. Realities \$4½ b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17.55 b.
Star Ferries \$64 b.
Yaumati Ferries \$25 b.
China Lights (Old) \$7.90 b.
China Lights (New) \$5 b.
H.K. Electrics \$57½ b.
Macao Electrics \$20 b.
Sandakan Lights \$11¼ b.
Telephones (Old) \$26.80 b., \$27 sa.
Telephones (New) \$9.60 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$19¼ sa.

STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms (Old) \$22¼ b.
Dairy Farms (New) \$21.30 b.
Watsons \$9.45 b., \$9.60 sa., \$9.60 sa.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7¼ b.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .16 b.
Atoks Ps. .18½ b.
Baguio Gold Ps. .22½ b.
Batong Buhay Ps. .014 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.60 b.
Big Wedge Ps. .21 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .14 b.
Consol. Mines Ps. .0035 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .12 sa.
East Mindanao Ps. .10 b.
I.X.L. Ps. .37 sa.
Ipo Gold Ps. .11½ b.
Itogons Ps. .27½ sa.
Mambulao Ps. .016 sa.
Masbates Ps. .10½ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .10 sa.
Mine Operation Ps. .10 b.
North Camarines Ps. .10 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .22 b.
San Mauricio Ps. .83 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .17 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .12½ b.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .024 b.
United Paracales Ps. .29½ sa.

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DENYER FLOGS VOLUNTEER ATTACK

The Volunteers opened brightly on Monday and 90 was on the board before Zimmern went. Anderson followed shortly, and after Broadbridge had hit brightly for 24 the batting became very "stodgy" and there was a considerable amount of scraping around.

Lloyd hit lustily at the end to brighten things up but Volunteers, after their bright start, should have done better than 178 for 8 in 2 hours.

Zimmern batted very well—much more confidently than Anderson—and was the outstanding bat for the visitors.

I cannot understand, however, why so many of the batsmen would try to cut balls pitched on their off stump—they paid the penalty sooner or later. Club attack was mixed and only Denyer, borrowed for the day, showed up well.

After Richardson had gone cheaply, Club skipper sent in Denyer to have a go at the bowling and, in partnership with Grose, he did this so successfully that the 100 went up in 40 minutes. It was a magnificent exhibition of cross-bat work, combined with quick foot work, and the attack was completely non-plussed. Grose, too, was anything but quiet and cracked three beautiful sixes on to the tram lines.

GROSE'S FINE INNINGS

After Denyer went, Haynes carried on the good work and the game was won after an hour and a half's batting. Grose went on in an effort to complete his hundred but fell an L.B.W. victim when six runs short. His was a really grand innings. The Volunteer attack, strong in paper, was disappointing and I was surprised that Anderson was not tried. A good bowler should have had Denyer early on and the bowlers used till then did not get him—that is explanation enough!

Only when Lloyd came on to bowl, and think, did Denyer go—and to Lloyd's second ball, Zimmern was erratic and was, I think, kept on too long. Ozorio did not relish the punishment handed out and his length was 'all over the place.' Aitkenhead lacked 'fire' and Lloyd, though punished later, was always dangerous. The fielding was quite good though one or two chances went begging—noticeably once when the ball was returned to the bowler and both batsmen were at his end!

COLONY CHESS

Following are the latest results in the Colony Chess Championship:—

E. Zimmern beat K. M. A. Barnett; Sir H. Pollock beat B. S. Litvin; D. E. de Carvalho beat A. Biriukoff; K. Weiss beat A. Kurrik.

The positions to date are:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
K. Weiss	5	4	0	1	4
E. Zimmern	3	3	0	0	3
B. S. Litvin	4	3	0	1	3
Sir H. Pollock	5	2	1	2	2½
K. M. A. Barnett	3	2	0	1	2
D. E. de Carvalho	3	2	0	1	2
L. Blair	3	1	0	2	1
A. Biriukoff	5	1	0	4	1
A. Kurrik	3	0	1	2	½
V. V. Kalatchoff	4	0	0	4	0



You no longer are of the younger generation if you permit things to grow into unsurmountable cliffs.

MR. EDEN PRAISES ANZACS

London, To-day.

Cheers punctuated a statement by the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon on his visit to Egypt to greet the Australian and New Zealand troops.

"I sought to express to the Australian and New Zealand troops," said Mr. Eden, "the welcome I feel sure this House and every section of opinion in this country would wish me to extend them."

"The arrival of Australian and New Zealand troops in the Middle East is yet another proof of the solidarity of the British Commonwealth with us in the common cause. I need hardly add that the exceptionally high physical standard of the troops and their military bearing are beyond all praise."

"The House, I feel sure, would wish me to take this opportunity to express our deep sense of gratitude to the people and Government of Egypt for their action as our friend and ally in offering so hospitable a reception to the Dominion contingents."

"During my stay I was also privileged to see something of the Indian troops who have now been stationed in the Middle East for some time, and to bear to them also a message from the King Emperor.—Reuter."

HUGE POLICE FORCE

Shanghai, To-day.

More than 1,200 men will comprise the special police force which is to assume exclusive authority in the Outside Roads Area, according to the "China Press."

The paper adds that such a large number is required because the force will also police the enclaves between the thoroughfares.

The personnel will be made up predominantly of candidates nominated by the Japanese-sponsored Special Municipality and not more than ten per cent. will be appointed from candidates nominated by the Municipal Council.—Reuter.

NANTAO UTILITIES

Shanghai, To-day.

According to the Chinese Press, the French Concession and International Settlement trams and buses will be permitted to resume their services in Nantao after the formal reopening to the public on March 1 when no more passes will be required of those entering the area.

The Japanese authorities are reported to have expressed the hope that conditions in Nantao will thus be restored to pre-war level through the resumption of public utility facilities.—Reuter.

C.C.C. TEAMS

The following will represent Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday, in League matches at 2.00 p.m.

1st XI v. Reorolo (Away):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billmorla, A. J. Hulac, A. R. H. Esmail, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Leo, H. P. Lim, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, G. Winch, and F. R. Zimmern.

Scorer—H. W. Randall.

Umpire—G. Ladd.

2nd XI v. University (Home):—B. R. Irance (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way, and J. L. Yungayay.

Scorer—W. Broadbridge.

FRENCH DEMARCHE

Tokyo, To-day.

The French Ambassador called on the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs yesterday.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DEFEAT IN KWANGSI

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

REPLYING TO A JAPANESE CHALLENGE OVER THE RADIO ON SUNDAY NIGHT TO ALLEGED CHINESE CLAIMS OF THE RECAPTURE OF NANNING, A CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN STATED TO-DAY THAT NO OFFICIAL REPORTS HAD EVER BEEN ISSUED TO THIS EFFECT.

The spokesman said that, as clearly stated in a press interview in Chungking on December 27, the Chinese forces had not started any general offensive against Nanning since the recapture of the strategic Kunlunkwan Pass, as they aimed at annihilating all invaders who had set foot on Kwangsi soil and were not eager to recover the city.

Ridiculing Japanese propaganda, the spokesman said that while the Japanese were subjected to a Chinese wide encirclement and harassing attacks on all sides they claimed that they were engaged in an enveloping and annihilating attack.

As a matter of fact, on the Nanning-Pinyang highway the Chinese had advanced from Chiutang to Ssutang, forcing the enemy to retreat from Paitang to Santang.

Referring to the recent Japanese offensive in south Kwangsi, the spokesman said that it had been launched not only against the Chinese but also against the anti-war elements in Japan. The Japanese military hoped to crush the ever growing anti-war feelings at home by a spectacular victory. But contrary to their expectation they suffered another defeat.—Central News.

SINGAPORE QUARANTINE

It is hereby notified that information has been received from the Director, League of Nations Eastern Bureau, Singapore, to the effect that whenever Hong Kong is declared infected with cholera and/or smallpox by the Government of the Straits Settlements, passengers arriving by air from Hong Kong will be subjected to surveillance in the Straits Settlements unless they produce acceptable certificates of inoculation against cholera and/or vaccination against smallpox respectively.

Certificates signed by medical practitioners will not be recognised unless:

- such signature is officially authenticated by the seal, stamp or signature of an administrative officer of the country where he practises; or
- the certificate is countersigned by either:
 - the medical officer attached to an aerodrome which is a sanitary aerodrome within the meaning of the convention, or
 - a person, other than the person performing the vaccination, who is authorised to witness an application for a passport under the law or regulations of the country in which such vaccination was performed.

EUROPEAN BOY BITTEN BY A DOG

Blazing away from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. to-day, a fire gutted some 100 dwellings in Po Kong Village, Kowloon City, rendering over 1,000 people homeless.

The fire is believed to have been caused by the heat of a kerosene lamp.

The people who have lost their homes are being sent to refugee camps, but many are refusing to go.

GENERAL WAVELL IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

General Wavell, British C-in-C, in the Middle East, has arrived in Palestine from Egypt to inspect the Australian troops. He was in command of British troops in Palestine for several months.—Reuter.

DANCING HOSTESS' STRUGGLE IN A CAR

Stripped of all her jewellery and money, amounting to some \$13,750, a 20-year-old dance hostess, Miss Pak Suet, with her clothes torn nearly to rags, was taken to the Leighton Garage in Happy Valley early this morning and informed the police by telephone how she was robbed in a car between the China Emporium and Ice House Street in Queen's Road Central.

According to Miss Pak's story, she was engaged by two men at the China Emporium Ball-room at 10 p.m. last night. Half an hour later, she was given \$100 and asked to go down to the Capitol Ball-room in West Point.

At 1 a.m. to-day, she and her three patronisers left the Capitol Ball-room and drove along Queen's Road to town. Between the China Emporium and Ice House Street one of the men produced a revolver and stripped the girl of all her jewellery.

They drove on to Caroline Hill where the girl was ejected from the car.

She was picked up by a passer-by and led to the Leighton Garage where she telephoned the police.

She stated she was robbed of a diamond ring valued at \$10,000, a white-gold ring with diamonds, valued at \$1,500, gold diamond bracelet valued at 2,000, a wrist watch, valued at \$70, a gold neck chain, valued at \$40 and a hand bag, with contents, valued at \$140.

BIG FIRE IN PO KONG VILLAGE

Nine-year-old Alfred Fuller, son of Mr. C. H. Fuller, of No. 7, Humphrey's Buildings, was bitten by a dog in Lock Road yesterday. The lad was walking with his father when the incident occurred. He was later treated at the Kowloon Hospital. The dog has not been traced.

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7.00 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Variety with Sophie Tucker, Oliver Wakefield and Flanagan and Allen.
Vocal—Some of these Days (Brooks).
Moanin' Low (Dietz and Rainger).
Sophie Tucker with Orchestra.
Comedians—Ye B.B.C. (Bud Flanagan).
Flanagan and Allen with Orch.
Vocal—Is He The Boy Friend? (Yellen and Ager).
Away Down South In Heaven (Green and Warren).
Sophie Tucker assisted by Ted Shapiro and Orchestra.
Humorous Monologue—Keeping A Stiff Upper (Wakefield).
Play Up and Pay the Dame (Wakefield).
Oliver Wakefield.

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Memories.
Intro: Wanderer; Dreaming; Where the Arches Used to be.
Flanagan and Allen with Orch.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Songs by Heddle Nash (Tenor).
The Shepherd's Song (from 'Helen'—Offenbach, arr. Korngold).
If I Am Dreaming (from 'The Dubarry'—Millocker, arr. Mackehen).
Serenade (from 'The Fair Maid of Perth'—Bizet).

With Orchestral accompaniment.
8.13 p.m.—Elgar—Enigma Variations, Op. 36.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

8.40 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Nura Kanis.

1. Compositions of Brahms.
(a) Intermezzo in A Minor.
(b) Intermezzo in A Major.
(c) Intermezzo in B Flat Minor.
(d) Capriccio in B Minor.
2. Liebesleid (Kreisler, trans. Rachmaninoff).

9.05 p.m.—Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).
The Gypsy and the Bird (Benedict).

With Flute obbligato by Clement Barone.
Parla!—Valse (Arditi).
With Orchestral accomp.
Russian Nightingale Song (Ala-bieff).

With Flute obbligato by Clement Barone.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Symphony No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 27.
Eugene Ormandy and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

10.17 p.m.—Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.

Gavotte (from Partita No. 3 in E major—Bach-Kreisler).
Rondino On A Theme By Beethoven (Kreisler).

Caprice Viennois (Kreisler).
Londonderry Air (arr. Kreisler).
With Piano accomp. by Franz Rupp.

10.30 p.m.—Selections from "The Geisha", "The Three Waltzes", "Paganini" and "Florodora".
"The Geisha"—Vocal Gems (Jones).

Light Opera Company with Orchestra (O. Stradus).

"The Three Waltzes"—Selection.
Orchestra Georges Tzipine with Organ of the Gaumont Palace, Paris.

"Paganini"—Vocal Gems (Herbert-Lehar).
Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"Florodora"—Vocal Gems (Stuart).
Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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South, Dealer

Mr. Stearns
♠ Q 10 5
♥ Q J
♦ K 10 8 3 2
♣ Q 9 4

Mr. Weiss

♠ K 9 7 2
♥ 4
♦ A 9 7 6 5
♣ 10 7 3

Mr. Schenken

♠ 6 3
♥ A 10 7 3
♦ J 4
♣ K J 8 5 5

Mr. Maier

♠ A J 8 4
♥ Q 9 8 6 5 3
♦ A 2
♣ A 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

"Two hearts was the usual final contract, and most pairs made three odd. Larry found the killing opening of his lowest club; dummy played the Queen, covered by the King and won by your Ace. A trump lead was won by my Ace and I led the six of spades, which coasted to Larry's King. He returned a spade, which dummy won with the ten, and dummy's remaining heart was led, showing the bad split. You next led a low diamond to your Queen, which was taken by Larry's Ace, and he led a third spade, which

I trumped. Being certain that Larry had the club ten, as he would not have opened low excepting from an honour, I underled my club Jack and Larry won the trick with the ten. He returned his last spade, which I trumped for the setting trick which gave us a near-top on the board.

"Do you think this defence might interest your readers, notwithstanding you were the friendly victim?"

We hope always to be appreciative enough to publish well-played defensive hands, even when we "get the axe."

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

♠ I X
♥ Q X X
♦ X X X
♣ A Q X X X

The bidding:

Maier Burnstone You Schenken
2NT Pass (1)

ANSWER:—Your correct bid is three notrump. The hand should offer a good play for game.

Score 100% for three notrump, 20% for three clubs (bad); 0 for pass (inexcusable).

QUESTION NO. 339

You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ J X X
♥ K X X
♦ X X
♣ A Q X X X

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Burnstone
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass

2♥ Pass (1)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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GOOD KNOCK BY REMEDIOS TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Club fielded a weak bowling side against Recreio—they soon found that out! Practically all the Recreio batsmen gave the fielders the busiest day's leather-hunting they have had for many a long day.

M. A. Remedios was outstanding with 72 and while it was a bright innings this batsman requires to put a great deal more crispness into his forward strokes—quite a number of spooned shots dropped just over mid-off. Later on J. E. Noronha hit brightly and the formidable total of 205 for 6 was reached in 2 hours. Club fielding was again poor, several catches being dropped and the ground work below standard.

Recreio bowling had Club in difficulties from the beginning. Paterson and Bishop, the opening pair, seem to have completely lost their confidence and both went early. The former was c and b from a half volley and Bishop, after being missed three times, was finally held at mid wicket.

Mitchell and Booker held on for a little, Smith hit brightly and although time was called with the last pair at the wicket, it was agreed to play to a finish. The last man was c and b in attempting a big hit and Recreio secured a well-deserved victory.

Three matches will be played in Junior Division of the Badminton League this evening. Fixture between St. Andrew's and King's College has been postponed.

Following is the programme:—

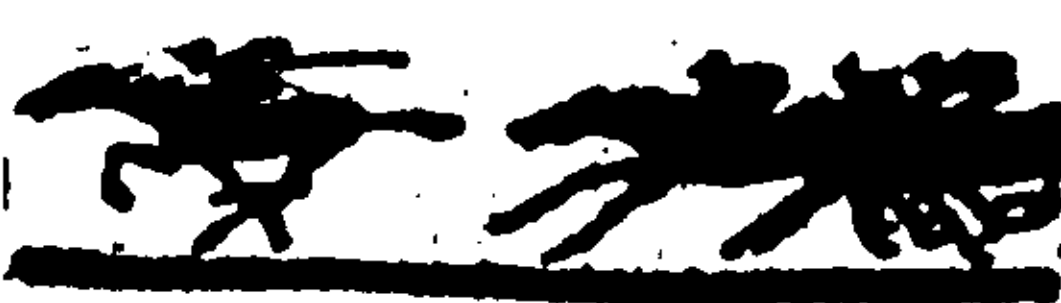
K.C.C. v Recreio
St. Teresa's v St. John's
Ko Ioon Tong v V.R.C.
St. Teresa's:—Peter Lo and J. Tsang;
John Chen and F. Chong; J. Lum and Austin Ho.
K.C.C.:—B. C. Kevan and P. Wynter-Blyth; J. L. Andersen and A. L. Fisher; J. R. Turner and H. S. Jones.
Recreio:—A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros;
R. A. Marques and H. Gonsalves; N. Beltrao and V. H. Oliveira.
V.R.C.:—A. K. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn; A. A. Guterres and J. Sousa; D. M. Xavier and F. Castro.
Kowloon Tong:—R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko; A. E. H. Castro and A. Chan; B. P. C. Fletcher and J. L. Stephens.

The ground fielding was excellent and Gosano bowled very well indeed to finish with 5 for 17.



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China Ponies

- 1/2 Mile 170 Yards:—**
 1.02.4 (record)—Spicylight (Moller, 164); 2. Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161); 3. White Diamond (Pih, 158). 1/2 and many. A.M.3.
 1.04.3 (record)—Racylight (Moller, 161); 2. Possible (Tang Man Wa, 158); 3. White Diamond (Pih, 158). 4 and 2. A.M.2.
Six Furlongs:—
 1.22.4 (record)—Spicylight (Moller, 161); 2. Craigavad (Liang, 161); 3. Possible (Wei, 158). 6 and 1/2. A.M.1.
 1.23.1—Eve of Harvest (Marshall, 156); 2. Humdrum Eve (Pih, 151); 3. Lilliber (Gram, 152). 2 and dead heat. A.M.2.
 1.25.2—Lancashire Lass (Chao, 154); 2. Oak Bay (Needa, 146); 3. Peaceful View (Pih, 156). 1 1/2 and 1. A.M.2.
1 Mile:—
 1.51.2 (record)—Burford (Pih, 161); 2. O-Lan (Needa, 158); 3. Dupont Bay (Hearne, 161). A.M.3.
 1.54.1—Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 168); 2. Lilliber (Gram, 152); 3. Bear Claw (Black, 155). 2 1/2 and 2. A.M.3.
 2.02.0—Musketier (Liang, 157); 2. Celtic Star (Marshall, 165); 3. Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 165). 4 and 2. A.M.2.
1 Mile 171 Yards:—
 2.12.2—Tampa Bay (Wei, 159); 2. Boolat Bay (Tao, 163); 3. Galveston Bay (Hearne, 156). Short head and short head. A.M.1.
 2.13.4—Strathbannock (Black, 163); 2. Guinness Time (Wei, 155); 3. Clownier (Ip, 146). Short head and 2 1/2. A.M.1.
 2.15.4—Guinness Time (Wei, 163); 2. Strathbannock (Black, 171); 3. Celtic Star (Marshall, 165). 3 and 3. A.M.3.
 2.17.0—This Time (Wei, 140); 2. Night View (Pih, 163); 3. Some Hope (Hearne, 145). 1 1/2 and short head. A.M.3.
 2.18.4—Phoenix (Liang, 152); 2. Emergency Call (Black, 140); 3. Bressay (Hearne, 154). 5 and neck. A.M.3.
1 1/4 Miles:—
 2.22.0—Confusion Bay (Black, 159); 2. Eve of Harvest (Marshall, 148); 3. Navy-light (Moller, 162). 2 and 1/2. A.M.2.
 2.24.1—Satnlight (Moller, 161); 2. Gretber (Gram, 161); 3. Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161). 5 and many. A.M.1.
1 1/2 Miles:—
 2.50.4 (record)—Satnlight (Moller, 161); 2. Burford (Pih, 161); 3. Craigavad (Encarnacao, 161). 1/2 and many. A.M.2.
1 3/4 Miles:—
 3.41.3—Navylight (Moller, 161); 2. Confusion Bay (Black, 161); 3. Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 158). Neck and many. A.M.1.

Australian Ponies

- 1/2 Mile 170 Yards:—**
 1.00.3—Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 2. Spring Shine (Chao, 152); 3. Princess Claro (Liang, 152). 6 and 3. A.M.3.
 1.01.0—Flying Dutchman (Needa, 152) and Sparrow (Chao, 153); 3. Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). Dead heat and short head. A.M.3.
Six Furlongs:—
 1.16.2—Far View (Pih, 155); 2. Sparrow (Wei, 152); 3. Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). 6 and 4. A.M.1.
 1.17.2—Lancashire Chips (Wei, 155); 2. Criffel (Needa, 150); 3. Double Finesse (S. W. Pan, 140). 4 and short head. A.M.1.
 1.17.3—Sydney Lad (Hearne, 155); 2. Pumpernickel (Proulx, 152); 3. Derby Day (Chao, 155). Neck and 2 1/2. A.M.3.
 1.17.4—Australian Diamond (Tao, 155); 2. Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 3. Lucky Lady (Needa, 155). Short head and 2. A.M.1.
 1.17.4—Sapper (Encarnacao, 155); 2. Contact (Davis, 152); 3. Viceroy (Chao, 155). 3 and 1. A.M.1.
 1.19.2—Ruby Star (S. W. Pan, 136); 2. Heinz (Davis, 135); 3. Violet Queen (Chao, 153). Short head and short head. A.M.2.
1 Mile:—
 1.46.2—Contact (Davis, 152); 2. Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3. Busylight (H. M. Botelho, 147). 6 and 1/2. A.M.2.
 1.48.1—Lucky Lady (Hearne, 155) and Amicus Curiae (Gram, 155); 3. Albury (Encarnacao, 155). Dead heat and 1. A.M.2.
1 1/4 Miles:—
 2.14.1—Lucky Lad (Needa, 154); 2. Baffin Bay (Hearne, 145); 3. Devonian (Black, 150). 1 1/4 and 1. A.M.3.
 2.15.1—Murrumbidgee (Black, 136); 2. A Roaring Time (Wei, 165); 3. Annabella (Chao, 166). Many and many. A.M.3.
 2.16.3—Baffin Bay (Hearne, 160); 2. Tornado Star (Wei, 148); 3. Lucky Lad (Needa, 160). Short head and short head. A.M.1.
 2.19.0—Brutus (Black, 158); 2. Discovery Bay (Wei, 145); 3. Twilight Star (S. W. Pan, 146). 5 and dead heat. A.M.2.
1 1/2 Miles:—
 2.41.4 (record)—Far View (Pih, 155); 2. Sapper (Encarnacao, 155); 3. Amicus Curiae (Marshall, 158). 1/2 and 6. A.M.3.

BURFORD FAVOURED TO-DAY

Mr. "Boojie" Moller, who is a firm believer in skipping to help one's wind, was again in the limelight yesterday. In the race for the Chater Cup there were only two ponies in it—Spicy-light and Mount Hope Bay—and if any other jockey had been on Spicy-light Mount Hope Bay would have won. As it was "Boojie" rode that pony with such determination that it won by half a length. He used the whip and Mr. Black did not.

Mr. Dunbar has a great sprinter in Mount Hope Bay, so bear it in mind.

Mr. Moller has a gruelling race to look forward to to-day—the Champion Stakes. Burford, the only danger, qualified yesterday when it won the

BETTER PONIES FOR H.K. RACING

In view of the uncertainty of obtaining China Pony Subscription Griffins and the difficulty of acquiring China Pony Griffins at reasonable prices, the Stewards of Hong Kong Jockey Club are importing 50 Australian ponies, of a superior class to the present subscription class, and it is probable that they will arrive here in April.

This new class will be in addition to the annual batch of Australian Subscription Griffins, which will be increased to a list of 100 ponies.

The present proposal is to dispose of these superior class ponies to Members by Auction, but details and other regulations relating to this new class have not yet been finalised.

This appears to be a big step towards the elimination of China ponies and the paving of the way for only Australian pony racing in Hong Kong, a move which will be welcomed by the racing public and the small-owner with a knowledge of horse-flesh.



Racing Stakes and if it is fit to-day it will most certainly go to the post in the Champions, and a very different pony it is likely to prove.

Burford was short of a gallop for the Derby, but that run, coupled with yesterday's outing, has brought it up to a pitch of perfection, excepting its deformed fetlock, and if it stands up to the race it should win to-day, especially as the distance is quarter of a mile less than in the Derby.

The Derby was one big thrill from start to finish. The Champions is likely to go one better.

Mr. Li Lan-sang's triumph in the Rooty-Hill Derby was not unexpected following Far View's fine effort in the Sydney Maidens, when it equalled the record, but few were prepared to see Mrs. Grasset's Sapper put up such a fine performance in record-breaking time. It may yet prove to be this year's, and all time's, best.

Real Bad Luck

Mr. Bradbury's cup is just about brimming over with bad luck. On Monday Alfber had to be destroyed after falling and breaking its shoulder and leg, and yesterday Lilliber, his Derby entry last year, went lame after placing second to Eve of Harvest in the Victoria Stakes.

Last year he had 11 new griffins and the eight best were out of racing throughout. This year he has 10 new griffins and five of them are unable to race!

His best pony, Charlesber, was sent down last December from Shanghai in a small coastal steamer which was unfortunate to catch the tail end of a typhoon. It arrived here in very low condition and was, as a matter of fact, hovering between life and death for three days. It has now partially recovered but is still confined to its stall and is unlikely to run for many months, if at all.

Then Palber, a very nice looking griffin, had to leave the track after

only three weeks training, having pulled a tendon.

As if this were not enough, Royber broke the pastern bone while doing a slow gallop and is now in the stables next to the Paddock wrapped in plaster of Paris and is in no condition yet to be moved to the Jockey Club Stables.

All race-goers hope that he has now seen the last of his spell of bad luck.

Newcomers to the jockeys' list yesterday were Messrs. G. Treverton, K. W. Fung, Yeung Wing-kwai and C. L. Gregory, while Mrs. Dunbar joined the list of successful lady owners. Gredka, H. Leigh, Neerlandia, Li Po-chun and Unicorn stables recorded their first wins. Mr. B. A. Proulx's win on Melody Star—he had the advantage of a flying start—was his first this season.

LEADING JOCKEYS & OWNERS

Following shows how the jockeys and owners fared during the first three days:

Jockeys	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
R. B. Moller	6	0	1	0
P. Y. T. Wei	4	5	1	13
D. Black	4	4	3	17
H. C. Pih	3	3	3	16
H. J. A. Hearne	3	1	4	5
V. V. Needa	2	3	2	13
L. B. Chao	2	2	4	11
C. Encarnacao	2	1	4	14
S. C. Liang	2	1	1	8
G. P. Gram	1	3	0	12
F. Marshall	1	2	2	7
B. A. Proulx	1	2	2	8
W. H. S. Davis	1	2	0	3
S. W. Pan	1	1	1	10
B. L. Tao	1	1	0	14
Tang Man Wa	0	1	0	3
Ip Kui Ying	0	0	1	6
H. M. Botelho	0	0	1	10
Ho Hong Pong	0	0	0	1
H. J. Cowie	0	0	0	1
S. Judah	0	0	0	1
G. Treverton	0	0	0	1
K. W. Fung	0	0	0	1
Yeung Wing-kwai	0	0	0	1
C. L. Gregory	0	0	0	1
Ho Hong Ping	0	0	0	2
S. W. Tang	0	0	0	2
R. M. Wood	0	0	0	3
C. F. Chiu	0	0	0	6
I. H. Howell	0	0	0	6
Hoo Pak Ming	0	0	0	9
W. G. Poy	0	0	0	17
S. L. Yuen	0	0	0	13

Owners

	1st	2nd	3rd
Cire	6	0	2
Lucky	3	0	3
L. Dunbar	2	3	3
Lan	2	2	1
Eve	2	1	1
Mrs. J. H. Taggart	1	1	1
Ellandee	1	1	0
Mrs. A. E. Grasset	1	1	0
J. F. Macgregor	1	1	0
S. M. K.	1	1	0
Quartermaster	1	1	0
Yly	1	1	0
Diamonds	1	0	2
Lee Bros.	1	0	1
Iron	1	0	0
Fans	1	0	0
G. Treverton	1	0	0
Yick Chim	1	0	0
E. S. K.	1	0	0
Gredka	1	0	0
H. Leigh	1	0	0
Neerlandia	1	0	0
Li Po Chun	1	0	0
Unicorn	1	0	0
Marber	0	3	0
C. W. K.	0	2	0
Mrs. Stanton	0	2	0
Li Shiu Hang	0	2	0
Tang Man Wa	0	1	1
S. W. Lee	0	1	1
Dr. S. N. Chau	0	1	1
S. L. K.	0	1	1
John Pael	0	1	0
H. Leigh	0	1	0
J. H. Jessen	0	1	0
Kia Ora	0	1	0
T. K. L.	0	1	0
Y. H.	0	1	0
S. T. Williamson	0	0	2
Cocoa	0	0	2
Vilja	0	0	1
J. G. White	0	0	1
Eu Tong	0	0	1
Lady North	0	0	1
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CRICKET NOTES

Army's Fine Display

Good Win Over I.R.C. At Sookunpoo

H. P. LIM AND F.R. ZIMMERN BAT WELL FOR C.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

MOST NOTABLE result in Saturday's League cricket programme was the somewhat sensational defeat of Indian Recreation Club at the hands of Army.

I expected Army to do fairly well; in fact I thought it probable that they would draw, but I did not think they would be able to win outright. I.R.C. have bowlers who can keep the runs down when necessary, as well as batsmen who can stay put indefinitely when the necessity arises.

It is probable that there was no more surprised team in Hong Kong on Saturday evening than I.R.C. They did pretty well with the bat to declare at 160 for 9, usually a safe score in League cricket.

Unfortunately for them A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu, one of the steadiest bowling combinations in the Colony, were unable to get on top of Army batsmen after a brief initial success and Sgt. Denyer and Sgt. Webb got together to add 92 breezy runs in only 40 minutes.

By this time I.R.C. were rapidly becoming demoralised and the breaking of this partnership did not end their discomfort as Major Petri carried on the good work with Capt. Grose, to knock off the runs with five wickets to spare.

I expect to see Army do much better after this. They are a fine sporting team who place the game a long way before the result, and they have heaps of talent.

It was a pity that Cpl. Shaw had such a bad match. In an inter-unit game last week he knocked up 50 and took six wickets, including the hat-trick, and apparently on the strength of that performance, was given a place in the first team. I hope that Grose will persist with him especially as Army's weak point is their bowling.

LITTLE RESISTANCE

It was not expected that University would give Craigenower very much trouble and they didn't. Hong Sling went early but there University success ended. H. P. Lim and Francis Zimmern got together to and 77 for the second wicket, of which Zimmern claimed 47. I am told that he batted really well, one shot of his played



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BRILLIANT CATCHING AT K.C.C.

Although there was some good batting and fair enough bowling, real feature of yesterday's cricket match at Cox's Road between Kowloon Cricket Club and Volunteers was the extraordinary number of brilliant catches held in the course of the day.

When Volunteers were batting Teddy Fincher held Carey in the slips off a very quick chance low down to his left hand, and Brokenshire took Perry very nicely in the deep off a terrific hit.

It was David Parsons, of the Volunteers, however, who took the palm for the finest catch of the match or probably of the year for that matter.

Fielding in a suicidal position close in at point to Owen Hughes, he froze on to a fierce square-cut from Anderson that was travelling so fast that it knocked him over! He also took a well-judged skler from Mackay off Zimmern.

Other good catches were taken by R. H. Griffiths, in the country, and A. E. Perry also in the deep.

Strangely enough three chances were put down by Owen Hughes, the Colony's finest slip fielder.

OWEN HUGHES' FINE KNOCK

Best knock in the Volunteer innings was Owen Hughes' 44, scored by means of well-timed hitting, chiefly on the leg side. Perry also hit brightly after a slow start but other batsmen were inclined to be scratchy.

Anderson, and Baxter had a lot of bowling to do but stood up to their work well, while Ernie Fincher in his second spell bowled some very good balls, notably the one which bowled E. J. R. Mitchell.

Volunteers did not declare until 4.30 and, left with only 90 minutes' batting, K.C.C. did not have a chance although they went for the runs right through.

It was a most enjoyable match, played under ideal conditions.

VOLUNTEERS

A. E. Perry, c Brokenshire, b Anderson	33
D. de S. Carey, c E. C. Fincher, b Baxter	13
F. R. Zimmern, c and b Anderson	12
R. H. Griffiths, lbw., b Baxter	10
H. Owen Hughes, c Mackay, b Anderson	44
E. J. R. Mitchell, b E. F. Fincher	12
A. K. Mackenzie, st. Mackay, b Baxter	17
D. O. Parsons, b E. F. Fincher	25
R. M. M. King, b E. F. Fincher	0
J. H. Fox, not out	12
Extras	16
Total (for 9 dec.)	203

C. W. Haynes, did not bat.
Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Anderson	14	1	60	3
Baxter	15	0	83	3
E. F. Fincher	7.6	0	44	3

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

W. Mulcahy, c Griffiths, b Owen Hughes	33
D. Hung, c and b Perry	8
N. A. E. Mackay, c Parsons, b Zimmern	36
E. F. Fincher, b Zimmern	10
G. A. Goodban, c Perry, b Owen Hughes	1
D. J. N. Anderson, c Parsons, b Owen Hughes	20
K. M. Baxter, lbw., b Haynes	10
J. L. Stephens, b Zimmern	14
T. A. Madar, b Zimmern	5
E. C. Fincher, not out	2
H. Brokenshire, b Zimmern	0
Extras	14
Total	153

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Zimmern	8.4	0	60	5
Perry	5	0	33	1
Owen Hughes	7	1	40	3
Haynes	1	0	6	1

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

A match, believed unique in the annals of local cricket, will be played this afternoon between the Officers of the Volunteer Defence Corps, and the Rest of the Corps.

A start will be made at 2 p.m. sharp at Hong Kong Cricket Club.

At Kowloon Cricket Club, K.C.C. second eleven will play Royal Air Force in a Junior League match.



SECOND DIVISION

L. H. TAN BATS WELL

(By "ADREM")

Saturday's Junior League cricket produced little that was startling, all favoured teams winning fairly easily.

If I felt any surprise at the results it was in the big win of I.R.C. over a strong Army team. On paper the soldiers had out a particularly powerful batting side but on this occasion with the exception of Capt. Lawrence and to lesser extents Major Swyer and L/Bdr. Ward, were unable to do anything against good bowling by M. R. Abbas, A. el Arculli and Y. T. Barma.

Abbas and Barma are in great form at the moment and the latter remains at the head of the junior averages, with Abbas fairly prominent.

I.R.C. were never in any difficulty against a mediocre Army attack and runs were made by all who batted. Top-scorer was K. M. Rumjahn, with 54, while F. A. Curreen and H. T. Barma also did well.

RETURN TO FORM

Kowloon Cricket Club returned to something like championship form in beating Civil Service with the greatest of ease. C.S.C.C. batting, at the outset, looked like offering some resistance as Harry Strange and H. F. Harper both stayed for some time. When Rupert Baldwin went on, however, all resistance ended.

Turning the ball a lot both ways, Baldwin kept a fine length to take 6 for 26 in 5 overs and, after having 37 on the board for one wicket, Civil Service were all out for 83.

These runs were easily knocked off by K.C.C. for whom Mulcahy made 34, R. T. Broadbridge 19 and K. M. Baxter 27.

Later George Hall hit out for a quick 33 and Eric Curtis had a six in his undefeated innings of 27.

Apart from a gallant innings by L. H. Tan, Police were given little trouble by University, whom they beat at Pokfulam by 69 runs. Carey and Pope gave them a good start and although Clarke failed by way of a change, Stephens and Danbrowsky carried on the good work to enable Police to declare at 173 for 8.

Although Lewis failed to take a wicket, Pope, Forrest and Danbrowsky did their stuff and University were all out for 104. Tan made a great effort but received no support.

K'LOON GOLF CLUB

Following results and activities are notified by Kowloon Golf Club:—

CAPTAINS CUP FIRST ROUND RESULTS.

W. Kershaw (14) beat W. C. Hung (18) 2 and 1.
T. Lamb (9) beat J. R. Leitch (17) 2 up.
H. F. Pinna (18) beat C. G. Anderson (12) at the 10th.
F. C. Barry (9) beat W. C. Simpson (8) 3 and 2.
W. V. Ahern (8) beat H. J. Grose (15) 10 and 8.
A. E. Davies (6) beat A. A. Lopes (9) 2 and 1.
S. Jex (10) beat A. J. Dehnis (6) 6 and 5.
T. Henderson (14) beat A. W. Ramsay (8) 2 and 1.

Members are reminded that the Annual Supper Dance will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday next. Tickets at \$2.50 each can be obtained from members of the Committee or from Messrs. Lindsay and Davis, Exchange Buildings.

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The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

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Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

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Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 11th February, 1940.

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Entries close on SATURDAY, 24th February, 1940, at 6 p.m.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday the 15th February to Wednesday the 28th February 1940 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th. February, 1940.

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No. 4696 \$3068.80
" 3363 \$876.80
" 2554 \$438.40
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 3514, 3844.

CHAMPIONS DAY AT THE RACES

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6—BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE—
1/4 Miles.

Vilaja's Viceroy 155 lb. (V. V. Needa) 1
Choice's Vanity Fair 155 lb. (Ip Kul-ying) 2
Mrs. Eu Tong Sen's Albury 155 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 3
Also ran:—Busylight, 152 lb., (H. M. Botelho); Connieber, 152 lb., (G. P. Gram); Franklin, 155 lb., (S. C. Liang); Income Tax, 150 lb., (Ho Hong Ping); Maple Star, 152 lb., (S. W. Pan); Quick Despatch, 155 lb., (C. L. Gregory); Radon, 155 lb., (H. J. A. Hearne); Shuttlecock, 152 lb., (P. Y. T. Wei); and Warrego River, 152 lb., (D. Black).

12 starters. Won by short head; 2 1/2 lengths.
Time: 27; 52.2; 1.20.1; 1.48.3; 2.16.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$19.80; places, 1st \$9.20; 2nd 20.00; 3rd \$9.70.

BETTING FIGURES		
	Win	Place
Connieber	1250	1172
Albury	1092	742
Viceroy	1001	823
Franklin	452	533
Busylight	309	393
Vanity Fair	182	233
Shuttlecock	68	161
Radon	40	82
Warrego River	39	120
Maple Star	34	71
Quick Despatch	15	61
Income Tax	8	26

7—GOVERNOR'S CUP— Presented by His Excellency the Governor with \$750 added for Winner—One Mile.
Cocoa's King Kong 159 lb. (L. B. Chao) 1
Eu Tong Sen's Rose Evelyn 150

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CRICKET: Volunteer Officers 197 for 4 wickets declared (Lt. D. J. N. Anderson 72, Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell not 55; Lt. S. V. Gittins 38 not; F. R. Zimmern 2 for 43). Rest Of Corps: 40 for 2 wickets (N. A. E. Mackey 21, D. de S. Carey 13 not, H. M. Cook not).

CRICKET: K.C.C. 2nd XI beat R.A.F. by five wickets. R.A.F. 88; K.C.C. 87 for 5 (Mulcahy 49 not out).

Burford broke the record for the Champions distance, turning in a time of 2.40 4/5ths. Led in by his owner, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Secretary of the Jockey Club, he was given a great ovation. He led from the football stands and successfully resisted a challenge on entering the straight.

Shanghai, To-day.
According to the "Sin Wan Pao," the Ministry of Finance in Chungking, in recent instructions to Shanghai public bodies, advised that the names of all profiteers in commodities be secretly registered for future punishment.—Reuter.

lb. (C. Encarnacao) 2
Wong Sui Ngau's Salvage Master 150 lb. (S. W. Pan) 3
Also ran:—Kut Cheung, 155 lb., (H. M. Botelho); and National Liberty, 140 lb., (Hoo Pak-ming).
5 starters. Won by 6 lengths; many lengths.
Time: 28.4; 58.2; 1.29.3; 2.01.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$5.90; places, 1st 5.30; 2nd \$5.70.

BETTING FIGURES		
	Win	Place
King Kong	1830	929
Rose Evelyn	413	362
Kut Cheung	89	111
Salvage Master	83	119
National Liberty	44	74

8—CHAMPION STAKES—A Sweepstakes of \$100 each for Starters with \$3,000 added for Winner.—1/4 Miles.
Burford, 161 lb. (H. C. Pih) 1
Satinlight, 161 lb. (R. B. Moller) 2
Confusion Bay, 161 lb. (D. Black) 3

Race 8
No. 200 \$3381.60
" 5940 \$957.60
" 2742 \$478.80
9—ADELAIDE HANDICAP
COURTING EVE 1
CHILTERN 2
TORNADO STAR 2*
* Dead heat.

RACE 9
No. 2552 \$3053.40
" 2944 \$654.30
" 1339 \$654.30
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 4253, 5379, 1010, 4339, 2443, 1425, 1361.

10—GRIFFINS CONSOLATION STAKES
CLEMBER 1
POSSIBLE 2
JOHNER 3

RACE 10
No. 128 \$3115.00
" 2628 \$890.00
" 936 \$445.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 107, 5185, 489, 5041, 5151, 5614.

11—SOOCHOW HANDICAP
CLOWNER 1
SYLVANDALE 1*
SOLDIER OF BRITAIN 3
* Dead heat.

RACE 11
No. 878 \$4150.80
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